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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Conversations regarding the best means of giving effective help to Finland are going on between the Allies.

Authoritative quarters believe the best solution is to allow help to Finland without bringing in Germany on the side of Russia against Helsinki.

The Scandinavian countries are giving Finland all the help in their power, and this help is being supplemented by other countries in accordance with their possibilities and with the understanding that the Allies will throw in all their might for the defence of Scandinavia if these countries are attacked by Germany.—Havas.

ACTIVITIES OF THE COLUMBUS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mexico City, To-day.

The authorities would have interned her or ordered her to leave immediately if the Nazi liner Columbus had escaped capture and returned to Mexico, a high official stated yesterday.

He added that while in Mexican waters the Columbus had supplied submarines with fuel, and while in port she broadcast secretly to ships, which is contrary to international law.

It is believed the Columbus when she sank had on board a huge cargo of boots destined for the German army.—Havas.

SWEDISH VOLUNTEERS FOR FINLAND

Stockholm, To-day.

A huge pro-Finnish demonstration was held in front of the Stockholm railway station to-day when the first batch of Swedish volunteers for Finland entrained.

They were under the command of Captain Tann, who served in the Ethiopian Army as a volunteer during the Abyssinian War.—Reuter.

FULLY EQUIPPED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Cheered by a large crowd, the first important unit of Swedish volunteers left for Finland yesterday with full equipment.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: North and north-east winds, moderate to fresh; fine.

ADMIRAL RAEDER PROTEST RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Rumours to the effect that Admiral Raeder has tendered his resignation to Herr Hitler because of the Graf Spee incident are circulating in Amsterdam.

It is asserted that Hitler has not yet given a decision on acceptance or refusal of the resignation.

Berlin source deny the report and there is no confirmation.—Havas.

N.D.L. LINER GNEISENAU SUNK?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

It is reported from Riga that the German crack liner Gneisenau, formerly on the Far Eastern run, was sunk either by a submarine or by a mine while on her way to Germany from Riga.

Official confirmation is not available.—Havas.

RED ARMY RETREATING IN DISORDER

Tromsø, To-day.

The Red Army in the Petsamo region is retreating in disorder before a vigorous Finnish counter-attack according to reports from the Norwegian border.

The opinion of competent military observers is that the Russians advanced too far and too fast from their base to be able to establish adequate communications in the Arctic weather conditions.

Indications are that they have abandoned large quantities of war materials in their retreat, which has been observed from the Norwegian side of the frontier.—Reuter.

HITLER'S MESSAGE TO STALIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

D.N.B., the official Nazi news agency, says that Hitler telegraphed to Stalin on the occasion of the latter's sixtieth birthday, "sending you heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for your personal health and the welfare of the Russian people."—Havas.

"SECRET HISTORY OF THE WAR"

ITALIAN MOBILISATION DISCLOSURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

ACCORDING TO RELIABLE information reaching London, Italy decided on December 1 to mobilise troops in Northern Italy, and between December 2 and 5 troops stood ready to entrain for Hungary to stop any eventual Soviet move on the Balkans.

Diplomatic circles infer that an agreement has been reached between Italy and Yugo-Slavia allowing for the passage of Italian troops to Hungary, and that Italy is ready to help Rumania against Soviet aggression.

On the other hand, on Italy's advice, Rumania has probably made certain concessions to Hungary.

The same reliable source says that Germany, upon learning of the Italian mobilisation, reassured Rome regarding Russian designs. Political circles are of opinion that the Italian attitude, as well as Finnish resistance, cannot but have a profound influence on Russia's attitude.—Havas.

BRITAIN'S CRACK NEW FIGHTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

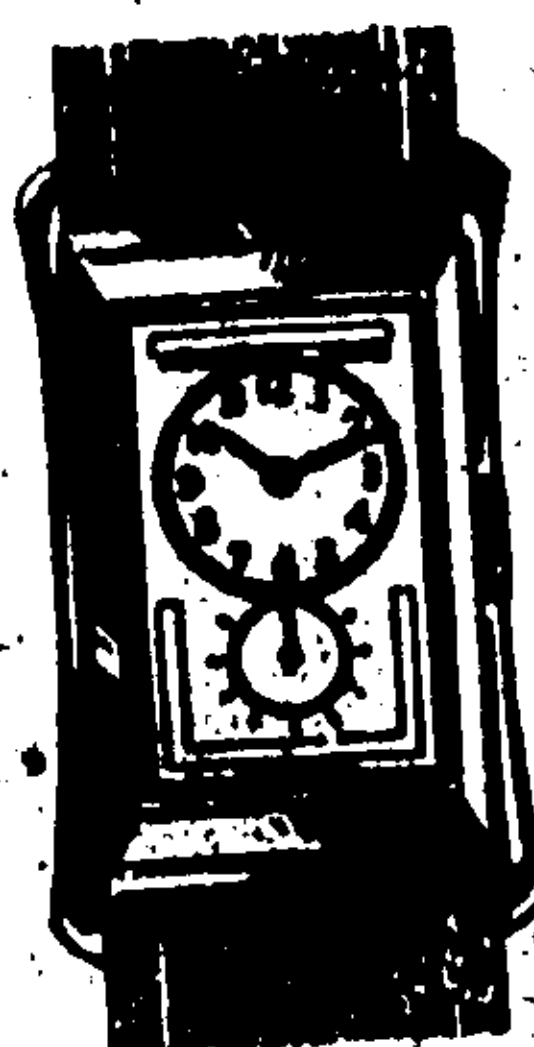
WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES CONFIRM THAT BRITAIN IS BUILDING NEW AND EXTREMELY POWERFUL FIGHTING PLANES WHICH WILL UNQUESTIONABLY BE STRONGER THAN THE MESSERSCHMIDT 110 TYPE WHICH BRITISH BOMBERS MET OVER HELIGO-

LAND.

Details are not available, but authorised quarters assert that the new plane will possess not only superior offensive power, due to stronger armament and greater speed, but also will be better protected.—Havas.

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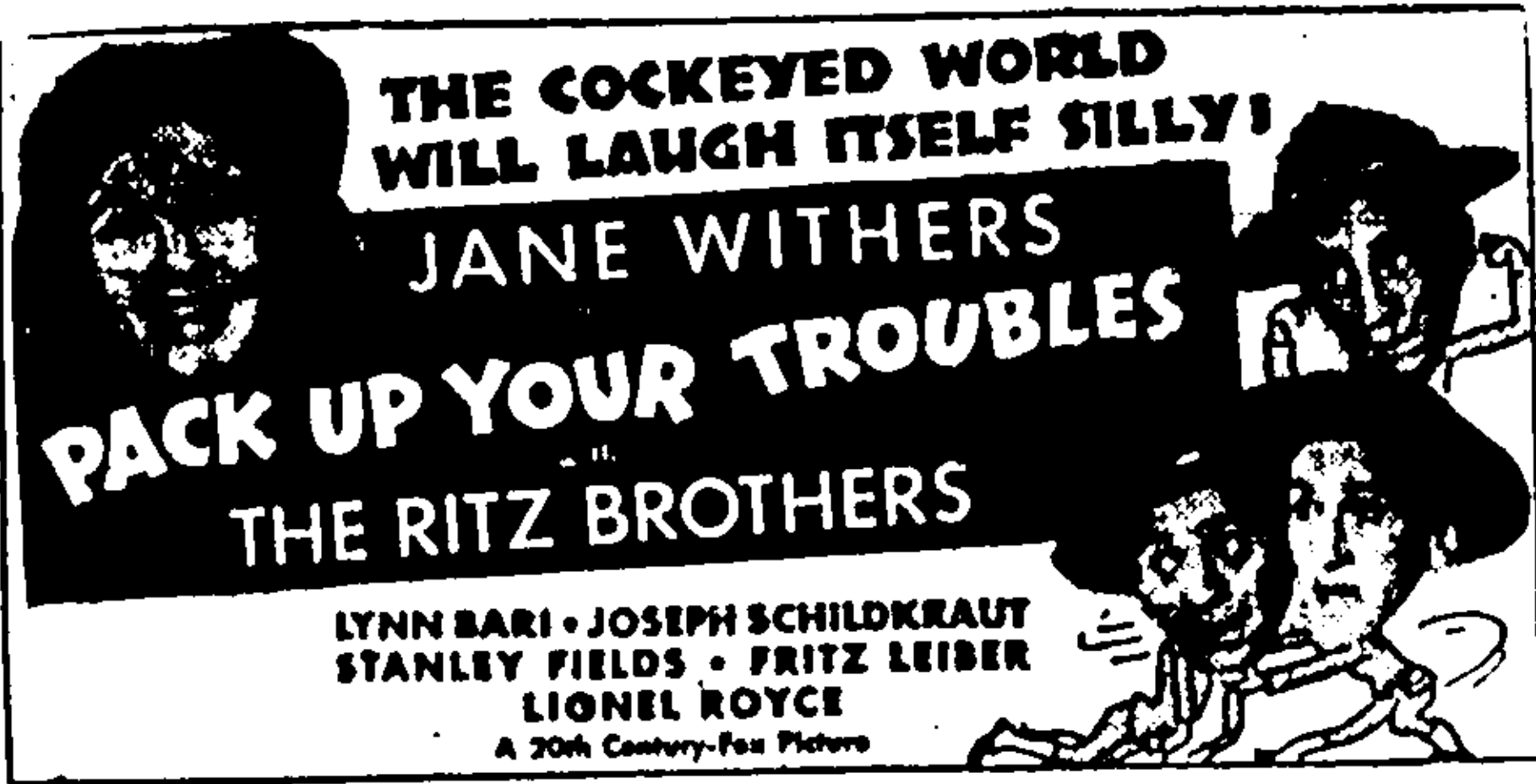
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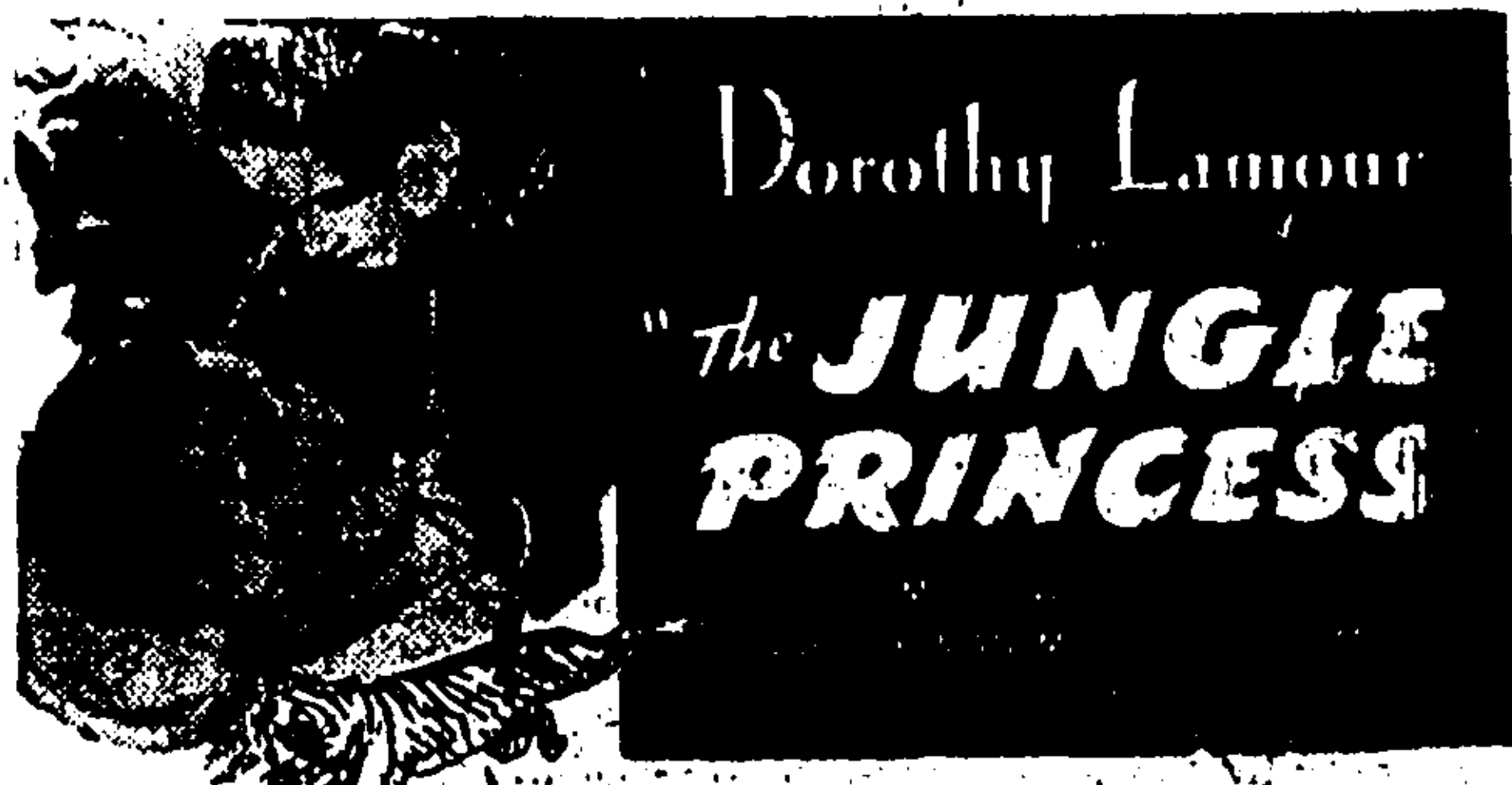
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CZECHO-SLOVAK NATIONAL COMMITTEE

London, To-day.

ON WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK an exchange of letters took place between Lord Halifax and Dr. Edward Benes, former President of the Czecho-Slovak Republic, concerning the formation of a Czecho-Slovak National Committee.

In his letter, Dr. Benes notified to the Foreign Office the composition of the Committee as follows:—Dr. Benes; General S. Ingr; Osusky; Eoutrata; H. Ripka, J. Slavik, Mgr. J. Cramek, and General R. Viset.

He added that this Committee would be qualified to represent the Czecho-Slovak peoples and in particular, in agreement with His Majesty's Government, to make such arrangements as might be necessary in territories under the jurisdiction of the British Government in connection with the reconstitution of the Czecho-Slovak Army in France.

In his answer, Lord Halifax informed Dr. Benes that the British Government took note of this communication and recognised that the Committee was qualified to represent the Czecho-Slovak peoples and in particular to make arrangements concerning the Czecho-Slovak Army in France, as stated above.

Competent departments of the British Government would be instructed to afford all requisite support to the Committee in its activities. — British Wireless.

DOMINICA GOES TO WINDWARD

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AN ORDER IN COUNCIL MADE ON DECEMBER 20 UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE DOMINICA ACT, 1938, FIXES JANUARY 1, 1940, AS THE APPOINTED DATE FOR THE TRANSFER OF DOMINICA FROM THE COLONY OF THE LEeward ISLANDS AND PROVIDES FOR ITS GOVERNMENT FROM THAT DATE AS A SEPARATE COLONY IN THE WINDWARD ISLANDS GROUP.

A commission was appointed some time ago by the Colonial Office to inquire into the question of closer union between the Leeward and Windward Islands, and to ascertain whether re-grouping was desirable.

Dominicans specially requested the transfer, which is about to be given effect.

In the view of the Secretary of State the change appears economically and racially suitable for Dominica, and the Act of Parliament was passed to provide for the change. — British Wireless.

Brigade.

While the Royal Navy and R.A.F. are obtaining recruits, the Army appears to make by far the strongest appeal in Ulster. — British Wireless.

ULSTER RECRUITING

London, To-day.

Recruiting in Northern Ireland — where the National Service Act does not apply — continues vigorously.

Besides recruits for local units large numbers are attesting for units in Great Britain.

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COLUMBUS CAPTAIN'S STORY

New York, To-day.

Following the arrival on Wednesday at Ellis Island of the 579 survivors of the scuttled German liner Columbus, the captain of the ship has related the occurrences leading up to the sinking.

When a destroyer flying the White Ensign approached him, he said, he gave the general signal to stand by to scuttle and burn.

The destroyer signalled the Columbus to stop and that she was sending some boats across.

She then fired two shots across the bow of the Columbus.

The German captain immediately ordered his men to lower the boats and, when that was done, to scuttle the ship.

When the ship was properly on fire, he took a motor boat and cruised around her. By 3.30 p.m.—within half an hour—all the crew had been taken on board the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa.

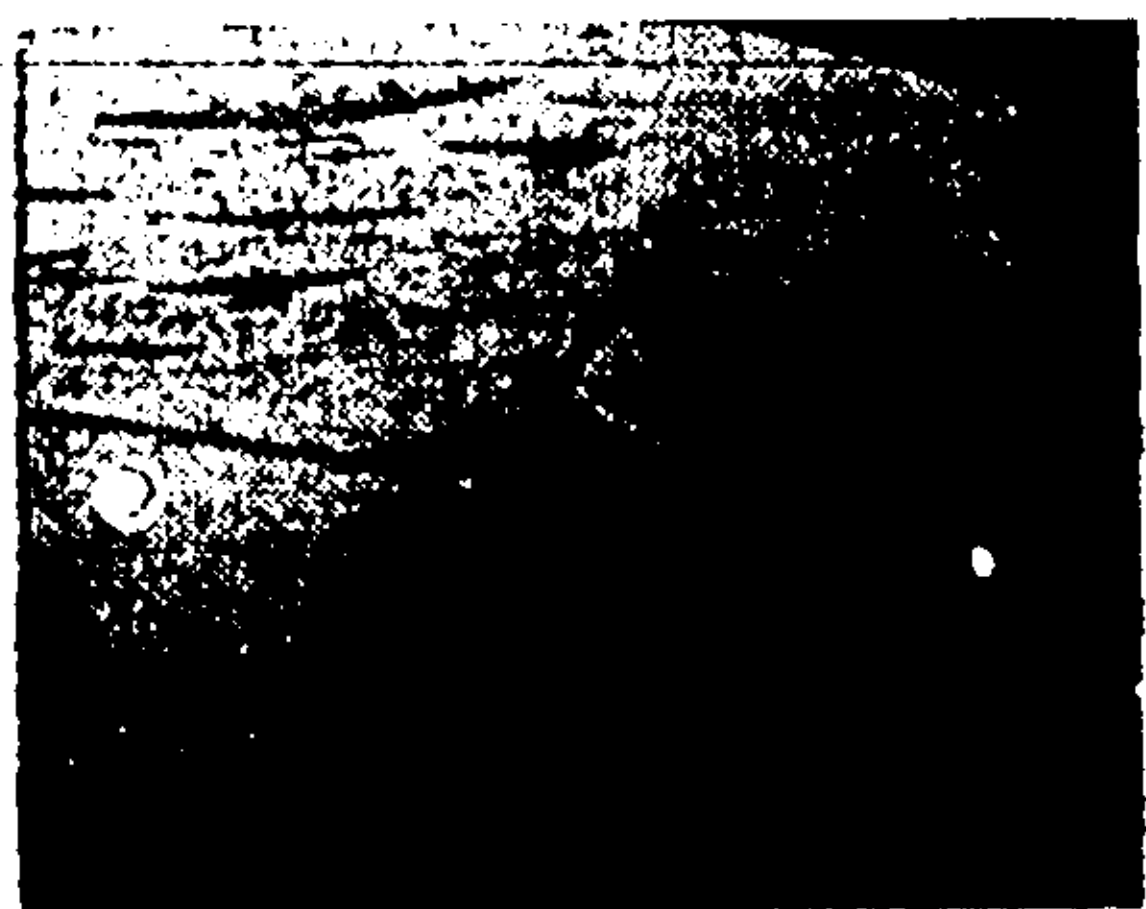
The captain's final comment on the loss of his ship was:—

"If you get an order, you fulfil that order. That's the way it is."—Reuter.

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BELGIAN PROTEST TO GERMANY

Brussels, To-day.
The Belgian Government has protested to Germany against the flights of German planes over Belgium.

It is officially stated that Belgian fighters and anti-aircraft batteries drove off foreign planes which flew over various parts of the country yesterday.

Encounters occurred over the provinces of Luxembourg and Liege, while at Bruges a German plane which was engaged by a Belgian patrol opened fire without effect.—Reuter.

INFANTRY CLASHES

Paris, To-day.
On the Western Front, the Germans have renewed their patrol activity, particularly in the Saar region. The new tactics consist of tip-and-run raids conducted by parties of from 30 to 160 men.

No attempt is made to seize new positions, but there has been some heavy fighting between French and German infantry, the skirmishes frequently ending in hand grenade duels.—Reuter.

I.R.A. RESUME ACTIVITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
A general alarm has been circulated to Post Offices throughout the country as the result of incendiary bomb explosions, believed to be the work of the I.R.A., in London, Birmingham and Wolverhampton.

Four fires were started in the Christmas mails in London post offices.

It is feared that delayed action infernal machines may have been sent in parcels to other parts of the country.—Havas.

HIGH COMMISSIONER IN SOUTH AFRICA

London, To-day.
Sir Edward Harding, United Kingdom High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa and High Commissioner for the High Commission territories, left London yesterday accompanied by Lady Harding to take up his appointment.

That Secretary for Dominion Affairs saw him off.—British Wireless.

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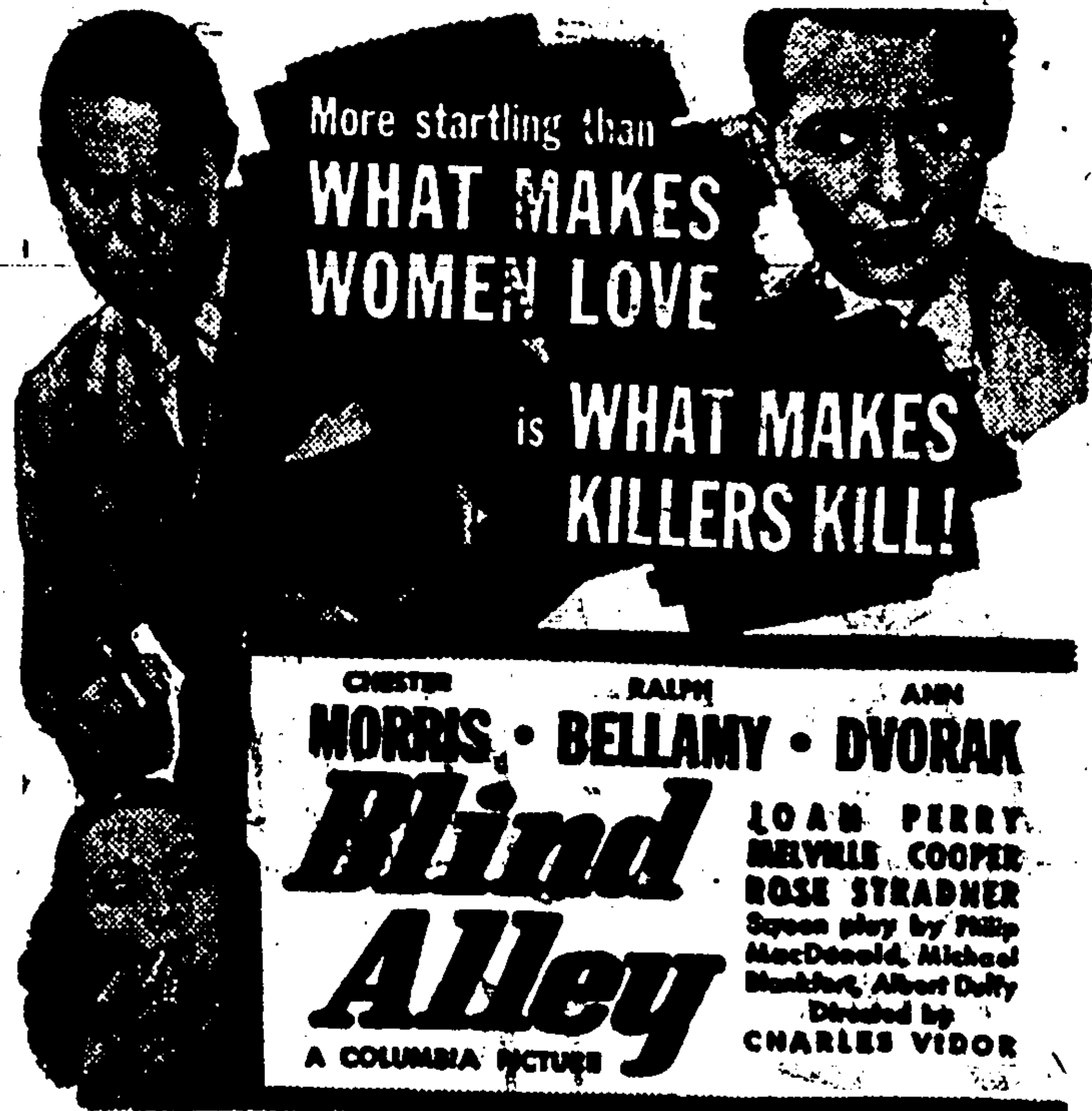
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STALIN'S BIRTHDAY

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.
THE SOVIET PRESS CONTAINED NO NEWS OF THE OPERATIONS IN FINLAND YESTERDAY, BUT DEVOTED LARGE TRACTS OF SPACE TO STALIN'S 60TH BIRTHDAY.

They grow quite poetic about him, speaking in lyrical terms of his "wisdom, ability and loveableness."

It is interesting to note in connection with the decoration of the Order of Lenin, highest order in Soviet Russia, which has been bestowed on Stalin that the last recipient was Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop. — Reuter.

CONGRESS OB DURATE

Wardha, To-day.
The working committee of the All-India National Congress has decided that Congress members should continue to abstain from attending the central legislature except so far as this is necessary to retain the party seats.—Reuter.

LORD SHUTTLEWORTH PASSES AT 95

London, To-day.
Lord Shuttleworth, a friend of Gladstone and a Member of the House of Commons under 12 Prime Ministers, died yesterday at the age of 95.—Reuter.

UNCEASING BID FOR PEACE BY FRENCH ENVOY

Paris, To-day.

AN OFFICIAL YELLOW BOOK, dealing with international events from the end of September, 1938, to the beginning of the war, was published in Paris yesterday.

It consists of six parts, namely, the Munich Agreement and its application, the Franco-German declaration of December 6, the disappearance of Czecho-Slovakia, the German-Polish crisis, the Danzig affair and the international crisis.

The Book emphasises the unceasing efforts of French diplomacy for peace and the warning to Germany of the risks of German policy.

The preface consists of a list of a number of German pledges, all subsequently broken.

This is headed "words of honour"! The Book also describes French peace efforts and tells how, inter alia, the Ambassador in Berlin, M. Coulondre, on February 25 gave Hitler his word of honour as a soldier that France would come to Poland's aid if the latter was attacked.

REFUSED IN WRITING

Later, M. Coulondre brought Hitler a personal letter from Premier Daladier, and in the course of a remarkable interview, attempted to persuade Hitler to accept a peaceful settlement in Poland.

Hitler refused and confirmed the refusal in writing.

The Book also describes how Count Ciano (the Italian Foreign Minister) on August 31 proposed a general conference.

Poland agreed but the German wireless in the evening announced that Poland had rejected the terms, though Poland had never received them.

COULONDRE'S WARNING

One of the most interesting documents is the report of M. Coulondre on May 7, revealing the prospect of a Russo-German understanding.

M. Coulondre said: "If the Fuehrer's intention is really to attempt a rapprochement with the Soviet, the question is how he intends to exploit this new policy."

"In my view, he may be getting advantages in three different ways."

"Firstly, by concluding with the Soviet a more or less tacit entente which assures him either of the benevolent neutrality of Russia in the event of conflict or even its complicity in the partition of Poland;

"Secondly, by exercising, by mere threat of rapprochement pressure at the same time on Japan and Poland, intended to induce the former to sign a military alliance and the latter to agree to the concessions demanded;

"Thirdly, by inducing the Western Powers threatened with German-Russian collusion to accept certain Soviet demands to which Poland and Rumania would be opposed, and thus spoil the Allies' hand."

HITLER'S REAL MIND?

Declaring it was uncertain whether Hitler was planning a real understanding with the Soviet or merely a diplomatic manoeuvre, M. Coulondre said he was inclined to support the latter hypothesis, because in his own view and that of his party it would be difficult for Hitler to enter into collusion with the Soviet while completely neglecting the fact that not only his internal policy but also the international policy was being undermined.

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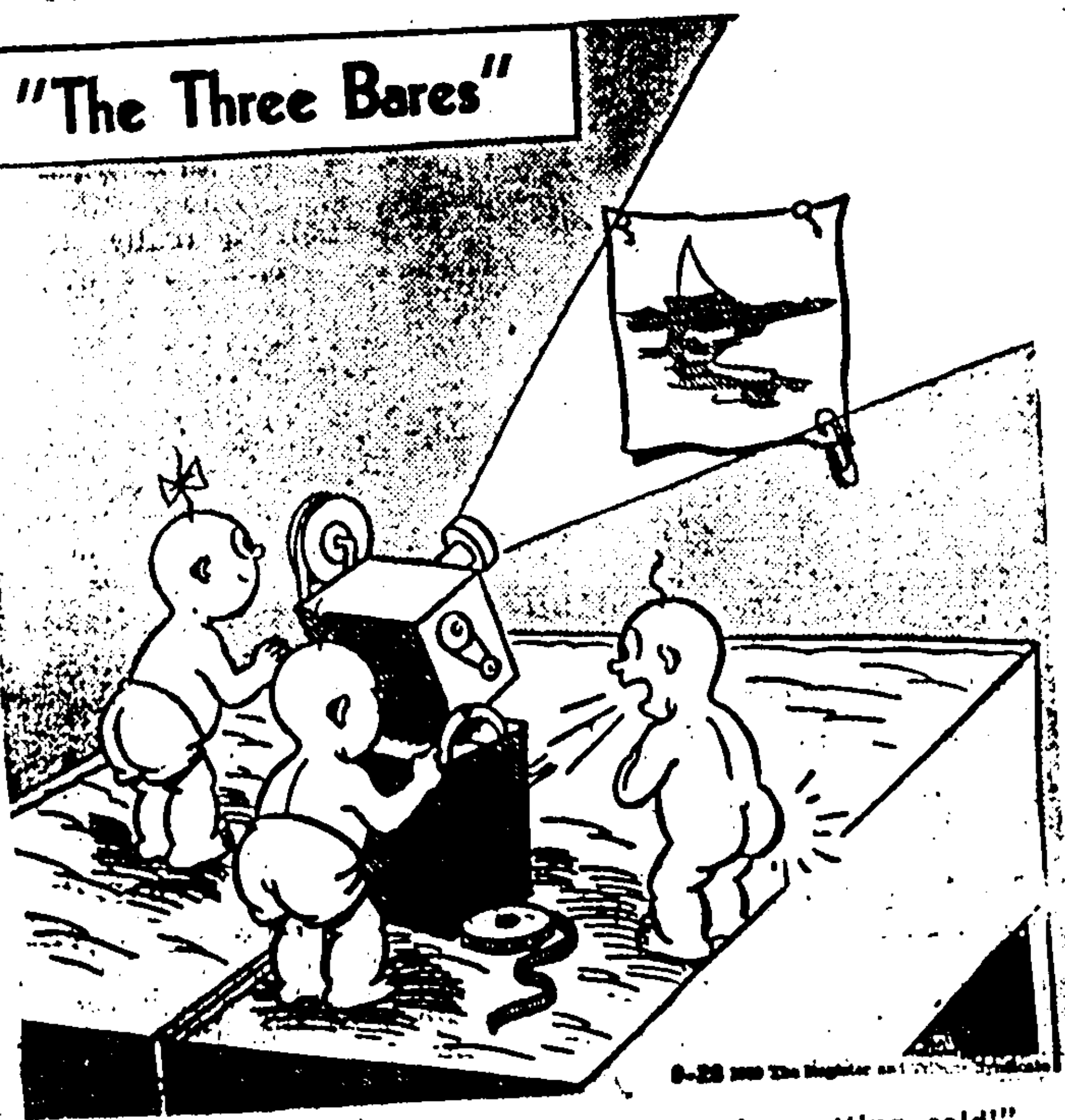


A charity bazaar was held at Chinese Recreation Club last Friday; this is one of the stalls.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed

"The Three Bares"

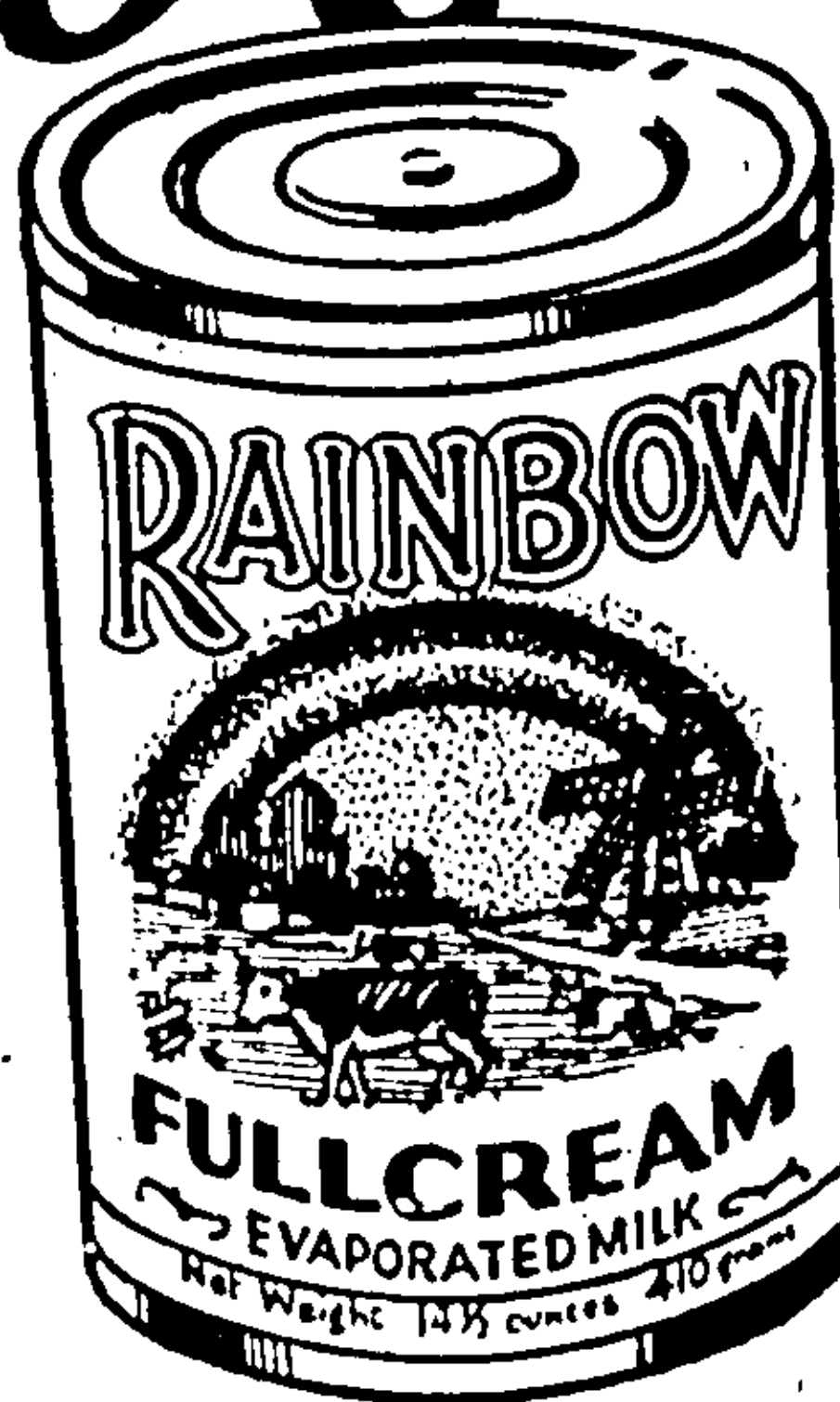


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Two Soviet Air Raids On Helsinki Yesterday

SOVIET DRIVE IN BALKANS

Moscow, To-day.

Soviet efforts to extend its influence in the Balkans are seen in the arrival here on December 27 of a Bulgarian delegation.

The delegation, which will be led by the Finance Minister, M. Bogilov, will negotiate a trade treaty.

Bulgarian sources disclose that the initiative for the negotiations came from Moscow.

Soviet statesmen have repeatedly stated that an improvement of trade relations between the Soviet and smaller countries is necessary as a prerequisite to an improvement in political relations. — Havas.

GERMANS TO CHOOSE

ROME, TO-DAY.

GERMANS LIVING IN BOLZANO AND NORTH ITALY ARE OFFERED THE CHOICE OF GERMAN CITIZENSHIP AND REPATRIATION OR CONTINUED ITALIAN CITIZENSHIP UNDER THE ITALO-GERMAN AGREEMENT. THE TEXT OF WHICH WAS PUBLISHED YESTERDAY.

They must choose before December 31.

Different coloured voting papers are being issued, white for Italy and yellow for Germany.

The agreement was signed by Heinrich Himmler, head of the Nazi secret police, who is now in Rome, and Signor Guidi, Under-Secretary of the Interior. — Reuter.

BIG FINNISH VICTORY ON THE CENTRAL FRONT

Helsinki, To-day.

SOVIET AEROPLANES yesterday raided Helsinki, where a hospital was hit, Trammerfors, Abo and Viborg, while Soviet infantry continued to make attacks on the Mannerheim Line, without much success.

The cold weather is being maintained, and the Finns, who are better equipped to meet it, hope the temperature will drop even lower, especially as it is reported that most of the Soviet troops come from central and southern Russia.

In the far North, it was not so cold yesterday as on the previous day, when 54 degrees of frost was experienced. It has stopped snowing.

In this area, the Finns claim to have made a valuable bombing raid—using seven Soviet aeroplanes whose pilots had surrendered rather than fight the Finns. They bombed the Murmansk-Leningrad railway line, the main route of supply to the Russians on the Polar Front.

BIG FINNISH VICTORY

On the central front, where the Soviets are trying to cut through to the Gulf of Bothnia, neutral correspondents have been able to verify reports of a big Finnish victory after several days of fighting.

At one place, they saw the remains of a Russian camp that was wiped out on Tuesday night, when the Finns came through the forests and down the slopes on their skis and picked off the Soviets as they stood.

It was so cold that none of the wounded survived. The frozen bodies of Soviet troops were too numerous to count, the neutral observers report. — Reuter.

THREE HOSPITALS HIT

Helsinki, To-day. It is now learned that three hospitals were hit in yesterday afternoon's Red air raid.

The hospitals were the Orthopaedic, the Sisters of Mercy and the Blind School.

DESTROYER CONDUCTED TO RESCUE

London, To-day.

The story of how co-operation between British aeroplanes and a destroyer saved six survivors of a torpedoed Swedish ship in the North Sea was told in London yesterday.

An R.A.F. plane on coastal patrol sighted a small raft with the six Swedes on it; it immediately signalled the news to its base, and another plane was sent out to keep in contact with the raft. The Admiralty, meanwhile, sent out a destroyer.

Thanks to the fierce gale blowing at the time, the raft was driven far from its original position and the rescue plane had to carry out a wide search for it. Guided by flares, the destroyer picked the men up after steaming at full speed for a hundred miles or so. — Reuter.

ADMIRAL DARLAN SEES THE KING

London, To-day.

Admiral Darlan, Commander-in-Chief of the French Navy, who arrived in London on Wednesday for conversations with Mr. Winston Churchill and the Naval Staff, was received in audience by His Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday. — Reuter.

Finnish General Staff reports increased Soviet pressure in the Karelian Isthmus.

Overwhelming forces of mechanised elements and aeroplanes are participating in the Soviet offensive, but the Finns claim to have repulsed all attacks. — Havas.

Thirty high explosive bombs were dropped by 12 planes. Two of the raiders are reported to have been shot down.

There were very few casualties.

Bombs were also dropped near the military hospital and a Red Cross dressing station. — Reuter.

HEAVY RUSSIAN LOSSES

Helsinki, To-day.

A Finnish communique says that in the Karelian Isthmus enemy attacks continued.

The Russians suffered many losses and made no progress.

Eight Soviet tanks were destroyed.

The Finns bombarded Russian rear-guard detachments, inflicting heavy casualties.

On the north-east front the Finnish advance towards Salla continued.

Enemy aircraft continued their attacks, mostly being repulsed.

The Finns brought down six planes, but 23 civilians, including women and children, were killed. — Reuter.

NORTHERN FRONT ADVANCE STOPPED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

The northern front is held under a raging snowstorm and fighting has virtually come to a standstill.

The Russian advance has been stopped at Nautsi, but Soviet tanks have been seen in the Petsamo Corridor.

Norwegian border guards report that the Soviets have not violated Norwegian territory. A lengthy communique issued by the

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London, To-day.

WITH THE INCREASING Soviet pressure against Finland threatening the vital lines of communication in the north and north-east, political circles here express the opinion that the Allies have serious and practical reasons for assisting Finland.

The latter's resistance, they say, can contribute to decrease the extent of Soviet aid to Germany.

Hence, they state, the decision of the Allied Supreme Council to help Finland in spite of the needs of the British and French armies.

Well-informed quarters point out that the Allies have already sent Finland nearly as many

planes as the United States, and intend also to send field artillery, anti-aircraft guns and other war material.

It is reported that the Allies have also succeeded in getting Sweden to deliver to Finland a certain number of pursuit planes and bombers. — Havas.



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CHINESE CREDITS IN U.S.

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Washington, To-day.
The Import and Export Bank announces that China has used \$14,500,000 of the \$25,000,000 credit granted her for the purchase of industrial and agricultural products in the United States. Of this credit, \$2,500,000 has already been repaid.—Havas.

GRAF SPEE CAPTAIN'S LETTERS

Buenos Aires, To-day.
Before committing suicide, Captain Hans Landsdorp, commander of the scuttled pocket-battleship Graf Spee, wrapped the old German Imperial Navy flag of the Kaiser (the pre-Hitler flag) around himself as a shroud, lay on the floor and shot himself, according to the Argentine newspaper "Critica."

The body lay in state at the Naval Arsenal, Buenos Aires, and was buried late yesterday.

Only Argentine staff officers, members of the Nazi Embassy, and a few prominent German residents were permitted to view the body.

Lying on it was a beautiful wreath, bearing on it the tag:—"From Adolf Hitler."

Meanwhile, secrecy surrounds the exact circumstances of the captain's death. The fact that he had committed suicide was only revealed by the German Embassy some hours after it occurred.

TWO LETTERS

Rumours that he had a long argument with Hitler prior to the scuttling of his ship are gaining ground. According to an Argentina naval officer, Captain Landsdorp argued strongly

HITLER'S NOTION OF CONDUCT OF SEA WARFARE

London, To-day.

THE BRITISH PRESS yesterday devoted the bulk of its comments to the suicide of Captain Landsdorp, drawing conclusions from it as to Hitler's notions of sea warfare.

"The Times" pays tribute to Captain Landsdorp as a seaman, and says that it is a tragedy that such men to-day cannot serve their country save in the livery of a master whom in their hearts they must despise.

SHIPMENT FROM GERMANY

Mexico City, To-day.

Acting on behalf of an un-named neutral government, the Mexican Foreign Minister has asked Britain and France to permit the shipment from Genoa to Mexico of 6,000 tons of refinery machinery.

In making this request, he said that the shipment would not constitute a war-time advantage for Germany; payment had already been made in petroleum.—Reuter.

AIR ACTIVITY IN ALSACE-LORRAINE

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué stated: "There has been a marked recrudescence of activity in the air over Lorraine and Alsace." — Reuter.

with Hitler and hoped up to the very end that Der Fuehrer would change his mind.

The captain left two letters behind, it is learned. One was to the German Embassy, which has not made the contents public because "the contents are impossible to reveal to the public."

The other was handed to a member of the Graf Spee's crew to post. — Reuter.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that Captain Landsdorp has proved that he feared nothing but dishonour. He could not endure the ignominy Hitler imposed on him and he redeemed himself.

Discussing the attacks on defenceless fishing craft by Nazi aeroplanes, the paper says that this is an equal tribute to Hitler's methods.

Slaughter of this kind is not the operation of war but ruthless terrorism. All the worst tactics of the old German Reich have been taken over by Hitler as a going concern.

The "News Chronicle" says that Captain Landsdorp's suicide must be read not only as a protest by the Graf Spee commander himself but from the whole German Navy against a decision which has once again brought the name of Germany into contempt before the world.—Reuter.

RATIONING SUSPENDED

London, To-day.

It is announced that the restrictions on consumers' use of coal gas and electricity have been suspended.

Since the "ration" was raised to 100 per cent. of last year's consumption it has been found that substantial economy is being practised by the public, and the Government have decided therefore that in the present conditions it is not necessary for the restrictions to be retained.—British Wireless.

DANISH NAVAL ATTACHES

Copenhagen, To-day.
It is officially announced that the Government "deems it opportune in present circumstances" to appoint naval attaches to the Danish Legations in London and Berlin.—Reuter.

FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN LANDSDORP

Buenos Aires, To-day.

Among those expected to attend the funeral of Captain Hans Landsdorp yesterday afternoon was Captain Pottinger, of the British steamer Ashlea, who was one of the Graf Spee's prisoners.

The British Missions to Seamen sent a wreath.

It is now learned that on Tuesday Captain Landsdorp had a long talk with his officers. Certain remarks that he then made, together with the fact that he had distributed his personal effects as keepsakes, suggest that he had suicide in mind.

Many Argentine newspapers take the view that Landsdorp's suicide was a protest against Hitler's order to scuttle his ship while she was still capable of doing some damage. — Reuter.

GRAF SPEE CREW ATTEND

Buenos Aires, To-day.

Three hundred officers and men of the Admiral Graf Spee, together with Argentine naval officers, were present at the burial of Captain Landsdorp with full naval honours in the local German cemetery. — Reuter.

Miss E. M. Rozario, of No. 11, Hart Avenue, was this morning fined \$5 by Mr. E. Himsworth for allowing her dog to wander in the street without a muzzle.



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CANADIAN BACON FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY.
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Negotiations on the deal, which is one of the largest of its kind ever entered into, have been going on in London for some weeks between representatives of the two Governments.

The significance of Canada's effort may be gained from the fact that in 1937 and 1938 imports of Canadian bacon and ham into Britain amounted to 1,701,718 and 1,507,656 cwts., respectively, whereas she has undertaken to supply 2,600,000 cwts. in 1940.—British Wireless.

JOINT NOTE BY AMERICAS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
MR. CORDELL HULL ANNOUNCED LAST EVENING THAT AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 21 COUNTRIES OF THE AMERICAN CONTINENT CONCERNING THE NATURE OF THE PROTEST TO BE SENT TO THE BELLIGERENTS AS A SEQUEL TO THE GRAF SPEE INCIDENT.

The perfecting of the final text is now proceeding and it is expected that the Note will be forwarded shortly.

The same Note will be sent to Britain, and France and Germany, and it is probable that it will be forwarded by the President of Panama.

Any further action to be taken will also be the subject of consultations.—Reuter.

Several Proposals

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Washington, To-day.

Several proposals for enforcement of the neutralisation of the 300-mile safety zone around the Americas are being studied in Washington.

The Argentine favours the internment of all belligerent warships entering the zone, while Brazil asks that this measure be extended also to belligerent supply ships.—Havas.

KOWLOON CITY INCIDENT

A former member of the Hong Kong Police Force, Channan Singh, 26, who was said to have been dismissed two years ago, appeared before Mr. E. Himsworth this morning charged with disorderly conduct, with assaulting a police officer and with damaging Government property.

Singh described himself as a doctor with offices at No. 57, South Wall Road, Kowloon City. He pleaded not guilty to the first and third charges.

The Chinese detective told the Magistrate that he tried to pacify a dispute between the Indian and a woman in his house, but he ignored witness completely, making much noise. Defendant threw his shoes at his chest in the station.

Inspector Rogers testified that Channan Singh damaged a Government blanket, which was given him in the cell.

Mr. Himsworth imposed fines of \$30 or six weeks.

MURDER ATTACKS BY GERMAN AIRCRAFT

London, To-day.

A VIVID PICTURE OF THE horrors of the present Nazi air campaign against defenceless fishing craft in the North Sea was given by the master of one trawler in a BBC broadcast yesterday.

While homeward bound at about 11 a.m. on Monday, he said, they saw a number of Nazi aeroplanes, which suddenly attacked them from low altitude without warning. Not far off was another trawler, which was also attacked.

In addition to machine-gun fire, bombs were dropped, and so the master of the trawler steered a zig-zag course, so effectively that 15 bombs were dropped before one made a direct hit on the fore-castle, killing two men outright and wounding a third.

The trawler stopped and the master ordered out the boat, one of the crew signalling to the planes that they were abandoning ship. The Nazis continued to attack until they had sunk the other trawler, when they made off.

Although the first trawler was badly damaged, she was still afloat and the master called for volunteers to try and get her back to port.

All the crew—including the wounded man—volunteered.

WIRELESS OUT OF ACTION

At this juncture, a third trawler arrived, but as the master of the first trawler could see survivors from the sunken trawler in the water, he asked the third trawler to rescue them. Two more trawlers then arrived and took his boat into tow.

"I am convinced that the zig-zag course saved us from total destruction," he went on. "They tried to kill us. Our wireless was out of action and we had no means of calling for help. The attack lasted for half an hour."

He gave his talk in a calm and unexcited voice, but his voice shook with suppressed emotion as he concluded:

"If that is supposed to be modern warfare, I call it ruthless, cold-blooded murder!"—Reuter.

ROYAL VISIT TO VATICAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

His Holiness the Pope yesterday received the King and Queen of Italy in audience.

The audience lasted 40 minutes, and Count Ciano, the Foreign Minister, was present.

A huge crowd cheered the Sovereigns on their first visit to the present Pontiff.—Havas.

EUROPEAN OWNER OF DOGS SOUGHT

The police are seeking to trace a European, the owner of two dogs, one of which attacked and bit Mr. Ivaschenko, of Hankow Road, in Kimberley Road at about 2 a.m. yesterday morning. The incident occurred at the foot of the steps leading to Knutsford Terrace, and Mr. Ivaschenko had to be taken to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

ANOTHER BRUTAL ATTACK

London, To-day.

A further case of German airmen attacking defenceless trawlers is related by fishermen of the trawler Dereham.

The vessel was fishing close to another trawler, the Pearl, when three German bombers swooped down.

The first bombed the Dereham unsuccessfully and then hit the Pearl amidships, causing much damage.

As the crew were preparing to launch a small boat, the German planes turned and attacked with machine-guns, killing one man, who was hit by eight bullets, and injuring two others.

The bombers then made off, and the Dereham took the survivors on board.—Reuter.

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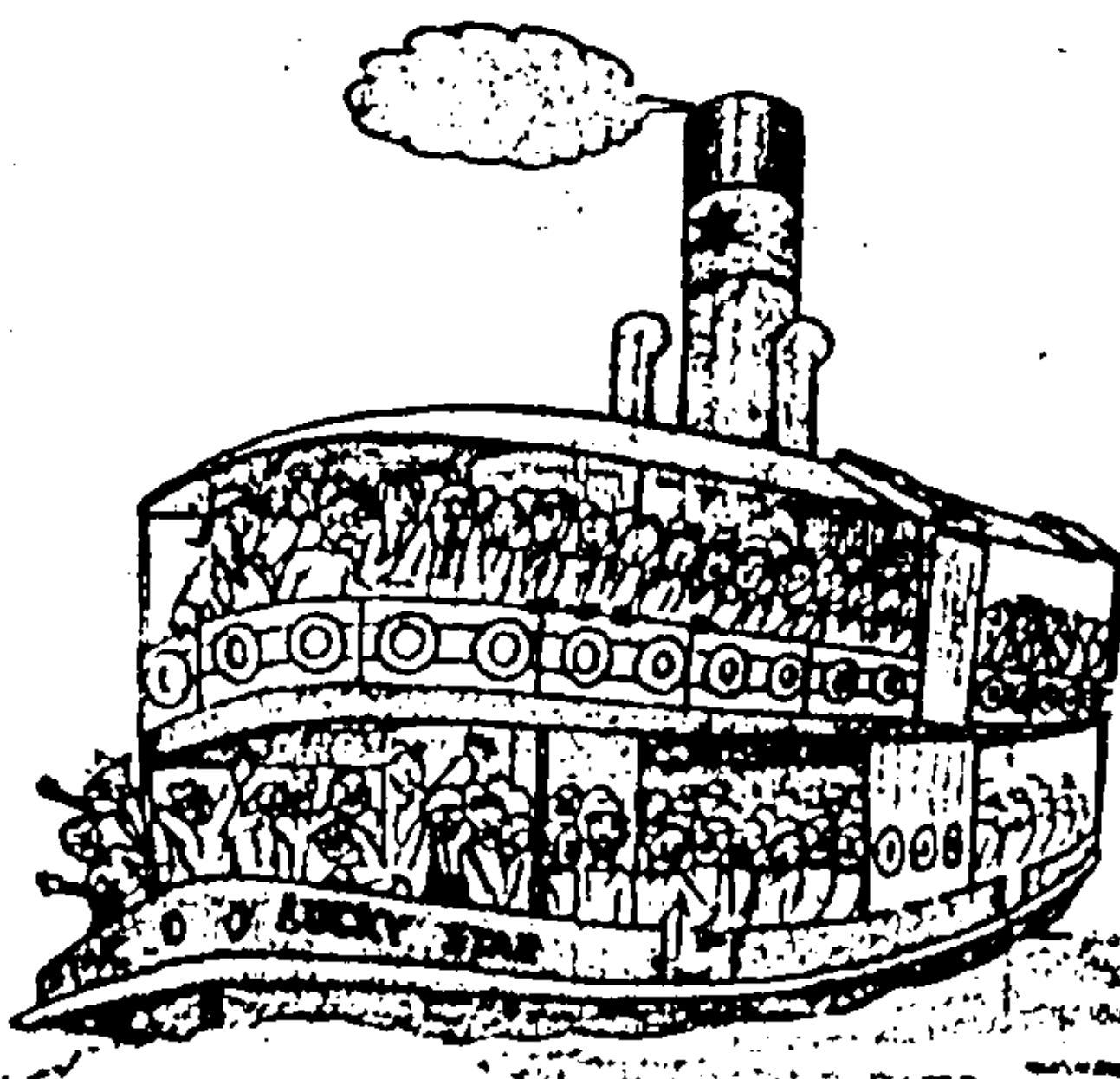
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

FINLAND FIGHTS

It is an established fact that the Finns have offered a surprising resistance to Soviet onslaughts, and despite the overwhelming superiority in men and material which the Soviet undoubtedly possesses, all possibility of a Blitzkrieg,—that ignis fatuus which still attract some European schools of thought,—has been transformed by Finnish resistance into less of a one-sided struggle, and the fact that Moscow deems it necessary further to reinforce its armies seeking to penetrate into Finland is ample proof of the manner in which the Finns are meeting and holding the invaders. In the south-east of the Karelian Peninsula the Russians appear to have made very little headway, possibly because of the greater endeavours being made further north to strike across the "wasp-waist" of Finland to reach the Baltic either in the neighbourhood of Uleaborg or Tornea. Even there the Finns have held their enemy and it is being borne in upon Moscow that the utilisation of greater forces alone offers a chance of reducing the Finnish opposition. The Finns also still hold Petsamo, and while the port may not be of much value to them as a means of communication with the outer world, because of the Russian blockade, the fact that the Finns were able to recapture it from the Russians speaks volumes for their own bravery and endurance, while simultaneously raising doubts in the minds of many observers whether the Russian military machine after all is quite the efficient weapon which the Kremlin has confidently claimed it to be. In this connection it needs to be remembered that the opposing forces are both accustomed to the rigorous climatic conditions which they are experiencing and that the Finns thereby derive no especial advantage, and while the lakes and forests do serve as natural strengthening of artificial defences, they in turn present nothing to which the Russian forces should not be used. It may be taken for granted, therefore, that the issue is between a highly efficient but small nation, and a much larger one whose army may prove in the ultimate result to be not quite of the high quality which has been claimed for it.—"N. C. D. News."

any other denomination of Christian, we should realise that every species of Christianity is threatened by gigantic forces gathered against it.

The precepts of Christianity are not only the noblest guide to private life, but they are the only sure and safe basis for that political democracy which offers the greatest freedom to private life. But Totalitarianism not only rejects the divine character of man and the primary loyalty of man to his God but it asserts that the control and moral instruction of the citizen is the primary function of the State. It has been well defined as a recrudescence of organised barbarism.—"Vancouver Sun."

PRICE OF LIBERTY

M. de Geer assures his people that their Government have no information which should shake their belief in the assurances of respect for Dutch neutrality received from Germany and from France and Britain. His policy has left no shadow of excuse for the breaking of promises. Where the sympathies of other neutral countries go has been shown not only by the close co-operation of Belgium but by the conference between Queen Wilhelmina and the American Minister to Holland. The most potent neutral State must desire to be fully informed of the prospects of those in the danger zone and of their hopes of peace. M. de Geer was not sanguine in what he had to say of the peace appeal of Queen Wilhelmina and King Leopold. He may have been aware that in spite of the German promise to examine it thoroughly an official statement was rushed into the Berlin Press yesterday declaring that the British and French replies "sabotaged" the appeal. If Germany's answer is still that she will consider nothing but world might or downfall, M. de Geer will not give up hope of mediation. Holland and Belgium and other States he expects to unite in similar efforts again. No one can now predict in what manner peace will be negotiated. Neutral States may, as M. de Geer believes, have a part to play. But he is assuredly right in his conviction that neutrality and independence can only be maintained now by the most watchful vigour. More than ever is it true that the price of liberty is perpetual vigilance.—"Morning Post."

AS IN 1914

Again, as in 1914, scraps of paper are scattered like our own leaflets along the German route.

Again it looks as though another Germany, just come of age, would "hack a way through" in defiance of all law and all human pity.

They never learn.

Is not that the obvious conclusion to be drawn from the political imbecility that has led Germany to submit herself again to the will of war lords and of a megalomaniac whose tales of lightning victory they have believed, as they believed the vainglorious Kaiser of 1914—now in uneasy seclusion at Doorn in threatened Holland?

They never learn! Twenty-one years of misery, of revolution, of anxiety, of grim preparation in Germany, after an agonising war.

Now, in remedy of all that, another war. The date may very well be celebrated by Hitler by an attack upon Holland, just to show that, as Germany's supreme war lord, he cannot learn the horrible lesson of the past.—"Daily Mirror."

THE CHOICE

Between these two camps, humanity has to choose. The tremendous moral is that we who call ourselves Christians must gird ourselves to hold our own. We must feel that we should stand by each other—that no matter what we call ourselves technically, whether we be Protestant or Roman Catholic, or

"MUSIC AT NIGHT"

Present conditions in Britain are keeping most families at home after the day's work, and as a result of this, and of curtailed radio programmes, it appears that the "musical evenings" of Victorian times are coming back.

"Just a Song at Black-Out" is the popular notion. It may be that Gilbert's Mikado had poignant memories when he pronounced sentence on...

HITLERISM

"Hitlerism is something much stronger and more persuasive than the mind and character of a single man. There would be no Hitler to-day if the German people were not susceptible to the crude and brutal leadership of the type he represents."—Sir Edward Grigg.

The amateur tenor,

Whose vocal villainies

All desire to shirk,

and the back pages of "Punch" indicate that a good time was not invariably had by all at these gatherings; but, nevertheless, the British seem to welcome their return.

For if, on occasion, the soloist may forget that the quality of mercy is not strained, there is always—or there should be in the best circles—a rollicking chorus now and then to bring the company to its feet and the shyest guest into a jovial Fol-de-rol mood. Once he has let himself go with "Old Uncle Tom Cobleigh and All" he will never get back into his shell.

Not doubt with music will come other old-fashioned recreations. If not "Shakespeare and the musical glasses," perhaps play-reading for the musical child; if so, there will be a certain gain in that home-made, as distinct from public, entertainment will make for added sociability.—"Christian Science Monitor."

WAR DIPLOMACY EXTENDING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

COMMENTING ON THE Japanese decision to re-open the lower Yangtse, the well-known political commentator, Pertinax, writing in "l'Ordre," points out that the decision will displease both Moscow and Berlin.

Reason is that Germany, which is eager to evade the Anglo-French blockade, is trying to induce the Russians to oppose Britain and is doing her best to encourage the Russians to improve their relations with Japan.

SEVERE SOVIET RAIDS

Helsinki, To-day.

Soviet warplanes raided towns all along Finland's south coast from Borgu, 30 miles east of Helsinki, to Abo, 100 miles west of the capital, yesterday.

The Red machines dropped about 60 bombs, 30 of which were rained on Helsinki and the suburbs.

Returning from Helsinki to Abo, the Russian airmen swooped down on an express train and raked it with machinegun fire.

Two people are reported to have been killed and two wounded.

A second train was also attacked but no casualties are reported.

Two separate raids occurred on Helsinki and the suburbs.

When the orthopaedic hospital was hit an operation was in progress.—
Reuter.

BALLOON BARRAGE IMPROVED

London, To-day.

A new type of railway wagon, called a "low-fit wagon," has been developed for the transport of gas cylinders for the Balloon Barrage.

Lorries with these cylinders are a familiar sight on Britain's roads to-day, and will now be able to run directly onto the waggons, saving a great deal of loading and unloading.

It was learned yesterday that 5,500 special troop and munition trains were run by British railways during the first three months of the war.—
Reuter.

GERMAN TYROLEANS GET SHOCK

Berlin To-day.

Germans who are being repatriated from South Tyrol are reported to be bitterly disappointed at the news that most of them are to be sent to German-occupied Poland.

This information was given to a number of repatriates on their arrival at Innsbruck yesterday by the local Nazi chief. North Tyrol, he told them, will be available only for a small number of South Tyroleans.—
Reuter.

On the other hand, the general impression here is that Washington has been gaining ground in Tokyo of late, while Moscow is losing some.

With the arrival here of Mr. Renzo Sawada, the new Japanese Ambassador in Paris, it is expected that relations between Japan and Britain and France will take a more favourable turn.

Semi-official circles point out that Japan is maintaining relations with Russia on a strict matter of fact basis, and Japan now appears to be turning her eyes towards the United States rather than towards the Soviet.—Havas.

WEATHER'S PART IN THE WAR

London, To-day.

Meteorological conditions at this season give Britain and France a considerable advantage over Germany.

The prevailing winds and the bulk of our weather come from the west. Information is gathered from North America, the west coast of Ireland, sometimes in the Atlantic and also from land and balloon observation in England and France, but Germany also depends on the latter areas for knowledge of her own coming weather.

The Air Ministry on the outbreak of war therefore cancelled the usual forecasts and the weather became a carefully guarded secret.—Reuter.

AIR BATTLE OVER HOLLAND

Amsterdam, To-day.

Hundreds of people in the streets watched an air battle fought over Utrecht yesterday between Dutch and foreign planes.

The nationality of the foreign planes has not yet been disclosed.

The foreign machines finally put out a smoke-screen and disappeared.

In London, it is learned that the Air Ministry has no knowledge of the reported air battle.—Reuter.

NAZIS OFFER NEW EXPLANATION

Berlin, To-day.

In official Nazi circles, it is now said that the scuttling of the Graf Spee was ordered so as to avoid the risk of technical secrets falling into foreign hands if she was interned.—
Reuter.

URSULA GIVEN GREAT WELCOME

London, To-day.

Dockyard workers cheered and naval ratings lined the rails of a submarine supply ship to give a tremendous welcome to H.M. submarine Ursula when she sailed into harbour yesterday after her great feat of sinking a German cruiser of the Koeln class in the mouth of the Elbe.

After Ursula had docked and the bearded members of the crew had posed for newreel cameramen, the news came that they had all been granted special Christmas leave in recognition of their services.

Within a few hours all had caught trains to their homes.—
Reuter.

GERMAN VERSION OF COLUMBUS

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

THE STORY OF THE SINKING OF THE COLUMBUS IS GIVEN A BARE SIX LINES, AND CAPTAIN LANDSDORP'S SUICIDE ONLY TWO SHORT PARAGRAPHS IN MOST OF YESTERDAY'S GERMAN NEWS-PAPERS.

The German version of the Columbus incident does not even mention the vessel is German, and gives no hint of her size.

The first casualty lists of German victims in the Graf Spee battle are now creeping into the Nazi newspapers.—
Reuter.

LT. COM. BICKFORD AWARDED D.S.O.

London, To-day.

His Majesty the King has decorated the commander and other members of the crew of H.M. Submarine, Salmon, which last week carried out one of the most brilliant submarine exploits of this war and the last.

Lieutenant-Commander E. O. B. Bickford, the commanding officer, who at one time in his naval career served in H.M.S. Odin on the China Station, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order and promoted to the rank of Commander.

It will be recalled that the Salmon first sank a Nazi U-boat and then torpedoed two German cruisers, the Leipzig and the Bluecher.—
Reuter.

VISIT TO THE CANADIANS

London, To-day.

Following his visit to "Hore Belisha Palace," the camp in England of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, yesterday, Mr. Hore Belisha spoke warmly of the discipline and efficiency of the Canadian troops.

"When one sees these men, one has no doubt about the result of the war," he said.

"I think they are quite unbeatable. I do not think any finer body of men has ever crossed the ocean."—
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"Hitler Speaks" By Dr. Rauschning

FUEHRER'S AMBITIONS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

About the United States, Hitler had his firm, preconceived opinion which no argument could shake.

This opinion was that North America would never take part in a European war again, and that, with her millions of unemployed, the United States was on the brink of a revolution from the outbreak of which only Hitler could save her.

I was present at a dinner-table conversation in Hitler's flat when one of the guests suggested that it might be of decisive importance for Germany to win the friendship of North America.

Hitler expressed his contempt of the Government of the United States: "It is the last disgusting

death-rattle of a corrupt and outworn system which is a blot on the history of this people. National Socialism alone is destined to liberate the American people from their ruling clique and give them back the means of becoming a great nation." Hitler grew animated. All other conversation died away.

"I shall," he continued, "undertake this task simultaneously with the restoration of Germany to her leading position in America."

"In what sense, my Fuehrer?" asked Goebbels.

"Have you forgotten that the declaration of German as the national language was lost by only one voice in

Congress? The German component of the American people will be the source of its political and mental resurrection. The American people is not yet a nation, it is the raw material of a nation.

"And the Yankees have failed to create a nation from it! They have instead kept their noses in their moneybags. To-day this is being avenged. Their difficulties will become insuperable."

"Do you mean," I asked, "that the German-American, rejuvenated by National Socialism, will be called to lead a new America?"

"That is exactly what I mean," Hitler returned. "We shall soon have an S. A. in America. We shall train

ANOTHER REASON FOR SCUTTling

London, To-day.

The Nazis' scuttling policy is possibly also due to expectation that Germany's methods may again bring neutrals into the war against her.

Uruguay might justifiably seize interned merchant-ships to compensate for the damage by the scuttled Admiral Graf Spee to Montevideo harbour.

The sea bottom, therefore, is the safest place for Nazi ships.—Reuter.

our youth. And we shall have men whom degenerate Yankeeism will not be able to challenge. Into the hands of our youth will be given the great statesman-like mission of Washington which this corrupt democracy has trodden under foot."

"Shall we not very greatly complicate our own struggle in Europe if we do this?" interposed Hitler's guest. "Will not the powerful families become our bitterest enemies? My Fuehrer, I fear that your great plans will be shattered before they have time to ripen."

Hitler became excited.

"Will you understand, Sir, that our struggle against Versailles and our struggle for a new world order is one and the same; we cannot set limits here or there as we please."

"Nothing will be easier than to produce a blood revolution in North America," Goebbels interposed. "No other country has so many social and racial tensions. We shall be able to play on many strings there. The America of to-day will never again be a danger to us."

"It is a mistake to assume that it was a danger to use in the last war," Hitler remarked crossly. "Compared with the British and French, the Americans behaved like clumsy boys. They ran straight into the line of fire, like young rabbits. The American is no soldier. The inferiority and decadence of this allegedly new world is evident in its military inefficiency."

"Nevertheless," Hitler's guest repeated, "I should like to be allowed to express a most humble warning that the Americans ought not to be underestimated as an enemy."

"Who says anything of underestimation?" Hitler exclaimed angrily, as he rose to lead the way from the table. "I guarantee, gentlemen, that at the right moment a new America will exist as our strongest supporter when we are ready to take the stride into overseas space."

Mexico

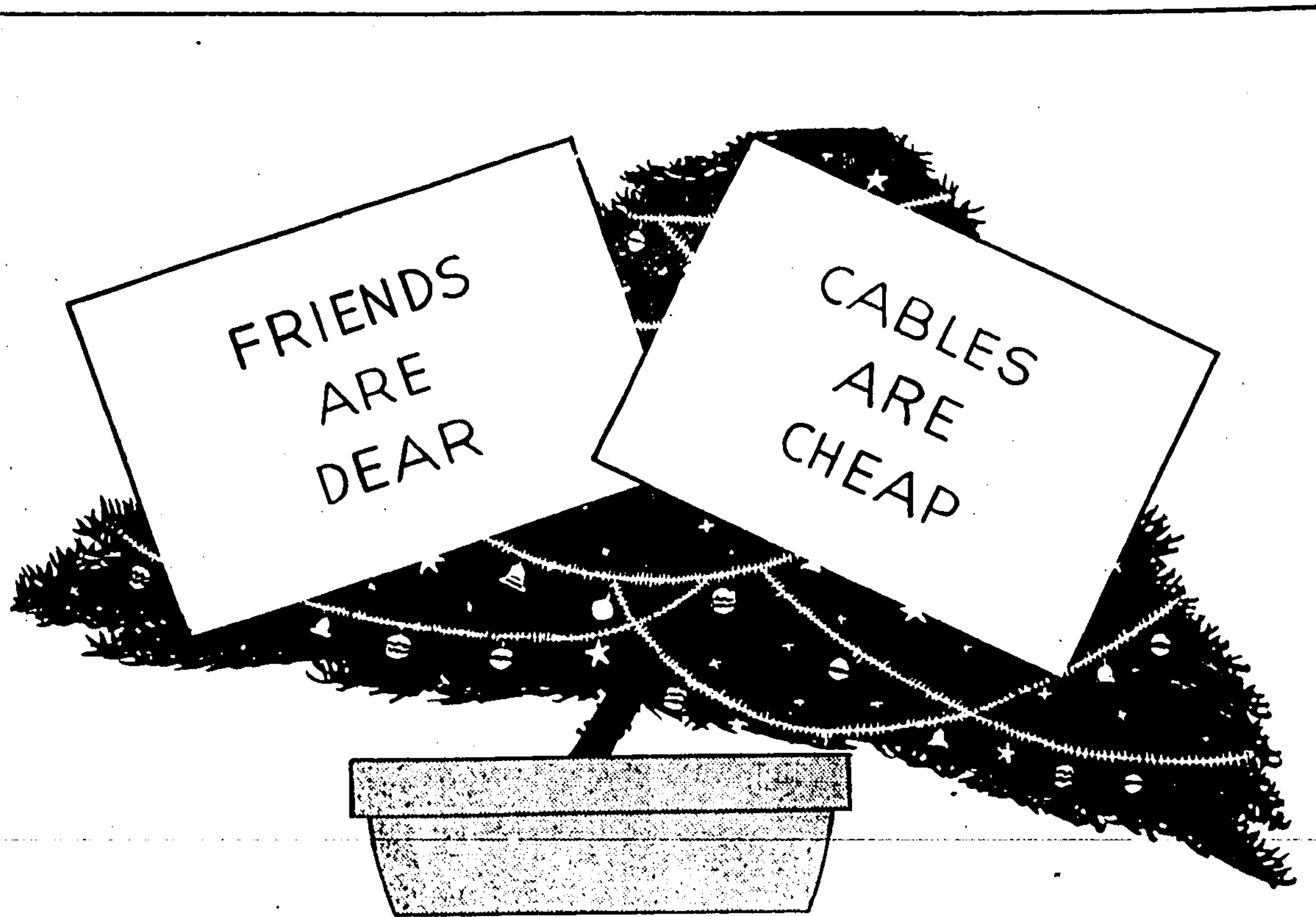
Mexico also played a special part in Hitler's American plans. Here, he was prepared to initiate far-sighted schemes and enterprises, the end of which he could not expect to see. His plans presupposed much longer periods of time than his European schemes, and his impatience towards European problems will be understood only if it is seen against the background of his greater plans, for which his European policy was to provide the power basis.

One man has evidently greatly influenced his conceptions concerning Mexico, a man who was a curious mixture of the great industrialist and the eccentric: Sir Henri Deterding of the Royal Dutch.

Directly or indirectly, Deterding convinced Hitler that Mexico was the best and richest country in the world with the laziest and most dissipated population under the sun. Only the most capable and industrious people in the world, namely, the Germans, would be able to make something of it. This notion fell on very fruitful soil in Hitler's mind.

"If we had that country," said the Fuehrer, "we should solve all our difficulties. Mexico is a country that cries for a capable master. It is being ruined by its government. With the

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CREW FIGHT TO SAVE MINED DESTROYER

Seventy sailors, with their ship sinking below them, lost a Gallant Battle to save the first British destroyer to be sunk since war began.

The destroyer struck a mine. In the explosion one man was killed, fifteen wounded. Although the water surged in until the quarter deck was awash there was no order to abandon ship. Every man worked to save her.

A tug arrived, tow ropes were attached and a great race against the rising water began. The effort failed. The destroyer turned on her side and sank.

Six men are missing.

HERO'S BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR WOUNDED

The twenty-first birthday of a midshipman who escaped from the *Courageous* was celebrated yesterday by his father handing a cheque for £50 to the War Relief Fund.

The midshipman, Ian Mac-lachlan, of Hagley, Worcs, asked his father to send any present he might be thinking of giving him to the Fund, when he left home to join his new ship.

Mac-lachlan landed his plane on the flying deck of the *Courageous* a minute before she was torpedoed. He stripped, dived overboard and swam for several hours before being rescued.

"My son realised that he was tremendously lucky in coming out alive and it was his wish that his birthday gift should go to relieve war suffering," Mr. Mac-lachlan told the press.

Able-Seaman Hoyle, of Craven Park, N.W., one of the rescued men, told this graphic story:—

"I was on deck. A terrific explosion shook the ship. I saw a man blown right past me over the side of the ship into the water. At the same moment the mast snapped and crashed down.

"As a lifeboat was lowered to rescue the man the ship was already listing badly. Our first thought was for the men trapped below near the explosion.

"We forced our way through the wreckage to rescue them. The cook in the galley was badly injured, and an officer who was having a bath was bleeding badly.

"There was no panic. The injured men were brought up and laid on the deck while we tended to their injuries. The man who was blown overboard had been safely picked up, though he was hurt by the blast of the explosion.

GALLANT SEAMEN

"We were sinking by the stern, but there was no order to abandon ship. Every man was eager to save her. They worked hard shoring up the bulkheads and manning the pumps. By this time the quarter deck was awash.

"Some of the men were so badly injured that they had to be tied to the stretchers. We carried them to the other side of the ship away from the list.

"Our radio and engines were out of action. Then a tug arrived on the scene, and actually got a line to us and began to tow us. The ship had practically righted herself, and everybody thought she would hold.

"But a few minutes later she turned quickly over to port and lay on her side. Our first thought was for the injured.

"I saw the captain, who had no lifebelt himself, unstrapping one of the injured from the stretchers.

"We put lifebelts on the injured, and as the ship was sinking slid them into the water. I saw one man take off his own lifebelt and throw it to one of the injured men as he floated in the water.

SANG, CRACKED JOKES

"There was a lot of oil floating on the surface and this made swimming difficult. A friend of mine who can-



Putting out a house hit by an "incendiary bomb" during last Sunday's mock air raid at Yaumati, Kowloon.

not swim a stroke held one of the injured men's head above the water.

"The captain swam around encouraging the men. Gradually the tug picked up most of us and then a trawler and little pleasure boat came out and picked up the rest.

"While they were in the water some of the men were singing and cracking jokes. I saw one man who had stayed on the bow of the sinking ship rolling a cigarette, and jokingly remarking that he had no matches.

"Most of the men had only one complaint. That was that they were unable to save their ship. While we were sinking we saw an explosion in a merchant ship not far away."

The officers and men, some of whom had their clothing torn away by the force of the explosion, were landed and taken in ambulances, lorries and private cars to hospital and hostels.

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Presented From Court

Wife at Willesden: "My husband flies into a temper regularly every three weeks."

"I can't pay my income tax as I have spent all my wages.—Man at Willesden.

Defendant at Highgate: This is the first time I've been in trouble since I was last summoned.

Man at Highgate: I am a stranger to the police of this district.

Motorist at Highgate: I did not know these lights were there, I had to rely on instinct.

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"It is my express wish that there shall be no flowers at my funeral," was a clause in the will of Mr. Henry Chaplin, buried at St. John's, Woking. He was one of the most famous flower growers in the country.

We say: A curious ban, this, for Mr. Chaplin never failed to send a wreath to the funerals of exhibitor friends, always making it of flowers of his own propagation.

Glider Record Claim

World record for a flight by a miniature glider or aeroplane is claimed by Belgium's Miniature Aviation Club for M. Verbirnen, whose miniature glider flew recently for 1 hour 16 minutes 14 seconds, says Reuter.

The club says the previous record was held by Italy with 1 hour 6 minutes 13.2 seconds.

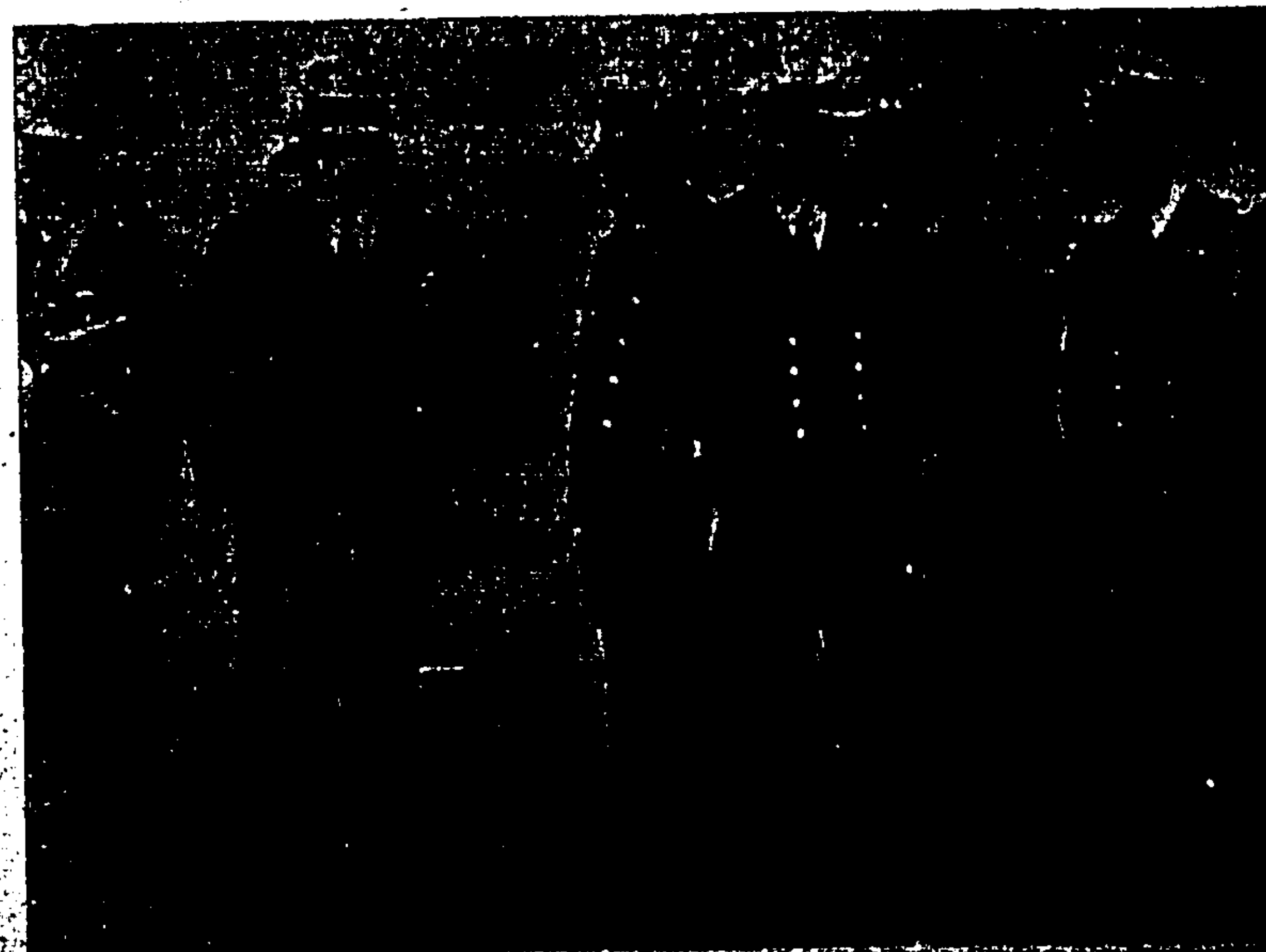
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Dictator Takes a Boss

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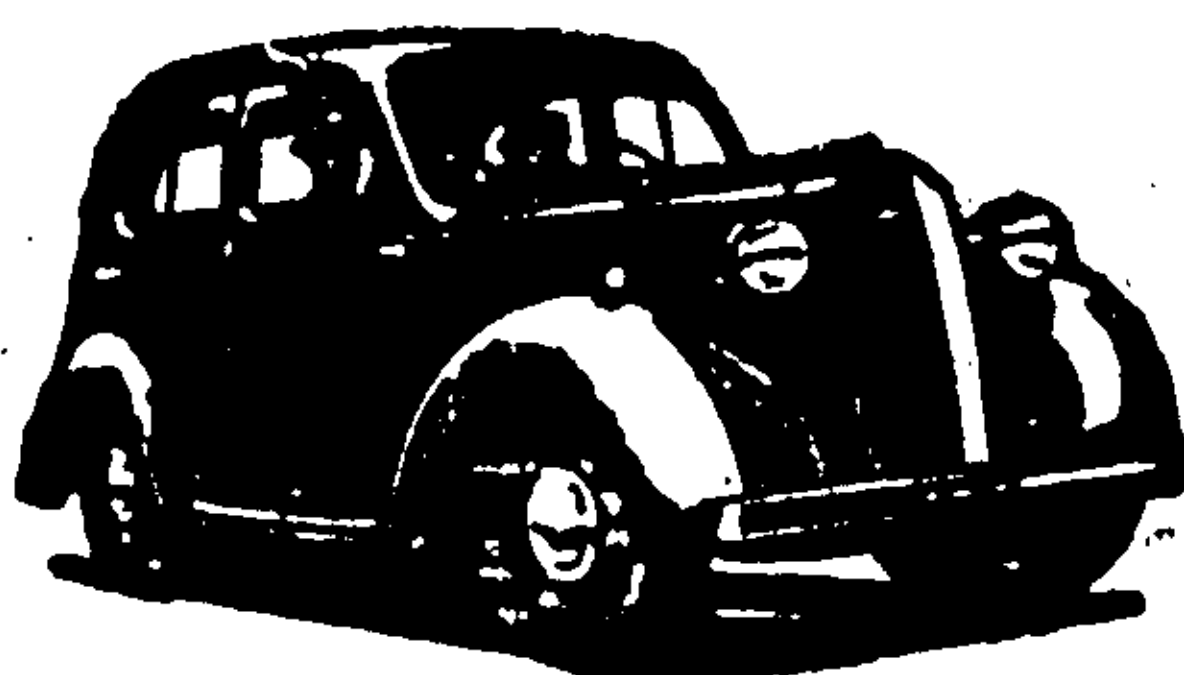
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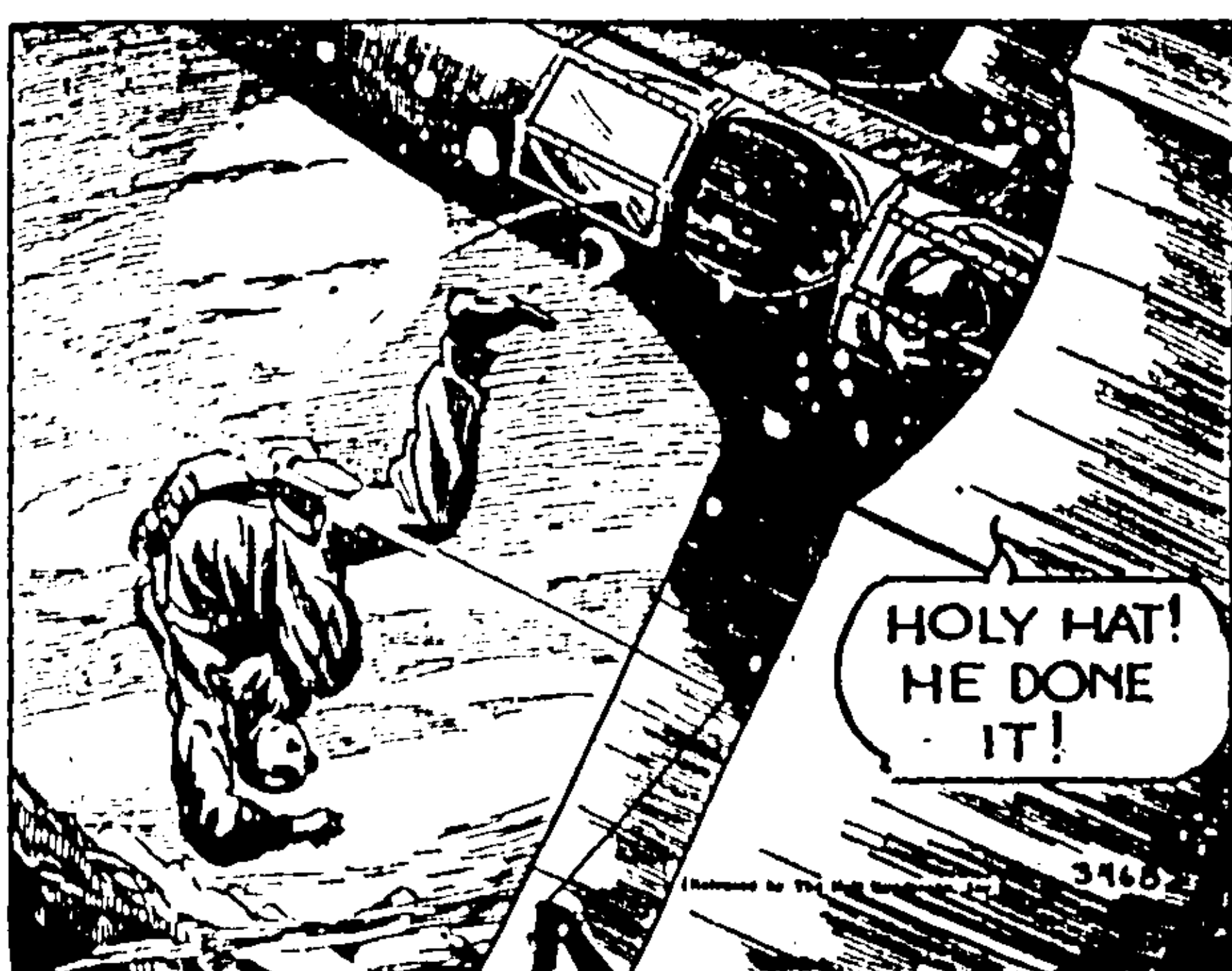
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SHORT STORY

FOUND... MURDERED!

By Donald Campbell

IT had been a lovely day, but black clouds were gathering ominously as the young reporter from London left the group of men and women who were talking eagerly outside the "Dog and Duck," the one and only inn of Ashlea, that charming little midland village. In the best bedroom of that inn lay the body of the young Squire, whose body had been found that morning by the village poacher by the banks of a small stream that ran through the woods that lay almost due north of the village. The smart detective in charge of the case, also a young man, had told the reporter that the Squire's forehead was marked by a blow from some blunt instrument—how the police love that phrase!—but the actual cause of death was a wound at the base of the skull. There was nothing to be found near the corpse that could account for either of these injuries. The poacher was a harmless individual whose criminal ambitions rarely exceeded a rabbit. The Chief Constable of the county had departed to procure some bloodhounds or to telephone Scotland Yard, leaving the detective-sergeant in charge. Norris, the reporter, decided to motor to the country town. As he approached his car he was joined by the detective, "Give me a lift like a good chap, otherwise I shall have to borrow a push bike or pony trap."

"Sure thing. Hop in."

Neither of these young men was over four-and-twenty, yet, in the face of murder, they represented, one, the Public, the other, the Law. The victim was only seven-and-twenty. He had inherited Vernon Manor and very valuable holdings in the surrounding district as well as town property. Dark, handsome in an almost sinister fashion, he was reported to have held a commission in the Army which he resigned on coming into his inheritance. He was not known to be married, but it was rumoured that he led a "fast" life up in Town, and he was not at all popular in the neighbourhood, had proved a harsh landlord, and had discharged most of his grand-uncle's servants from the Manor. For the main branch of the Vernon family had come to an end with the kindly old gentleman who had passed away eight months before, and the whole property and a very large income had passed into the hands of his grandnephew, who had been known to his intimates as "Black" Vernon, partly because of the hue of his hair and eyes, partly because of his character, but neither Norris nor Avant, the detective, was aware of this last fact yet.

They had gone half the distance to the country town, which was north-east of Ashlea, when the storm broke with a fury that was tropical and the reporter's car "conked out!" The two young

men looked at each other, groaned and laughed in chorus. Norris could do nothing with the car, so he walked away in search of a telephone and soon Avant heard his cheery shout and scrambled out of the car on to the mud of the lane, through a gap in the hedge that led to a pathway, at the end of which was a cottage that even the driving rain and gloomy twilight could not deprive of that pleasant look that some little houses possess, particularly in the country. At the open door of the cottage was a man clad in Donegal tweeds. He had a mop of silver hair and a fine, spiritual face. It was only later that Avant saw he was extremely lame.

"Come inside, come inside, sir," said this man, "And join your friend by the fire. A glass of grog and then a little supper and the world will appear more cheerful. I will send Amos, the handyman, to call upon a garage so that your car can be towed in and you yourselves landed safely in town ere long. We are pleased to have you, my granddaughter and I. We so rarely see young faces here. My name is Darlay, by the way."

The detective bowed. "This is an honour, sir. I've read your book on Egypt and loved it, although I'm not what you'd call an educated man." Mr. Darlay beamed. "That is the sort of compliment I do like. Come in, come in. It's a vile evening, but we will have a pleasant hour or to before you resume your journey." As Avant entered the house, he bumped into a short, broad-shouldered man clad in a heavy waterproof and wearing a Sou'-wester. "Sorry," growled the man and, averting his face, walked hurriedly out of the house, arousing Avant's detective instincts. "Some old lag who has found a job and does not want to be recognised," he said to himself, and made for the fireside where an extremely pretty girl provided him with a glass of steaming hot grog and insisted on his sitting in a comfortable armchair within comfortable range of the cheerful blaze. The reporter had already become on the best of terms with the pretty girl, who was Lella Darlay, only granddaughter of Vivian Darlay, the famous Egyptologist, whose bad health and lameness had precluded him from further researches and left him in very reduced circumstances, as he told them. "Nevertheless, we manage to live happily enough, and when I pass out, my little girl will not be left penniless. Some years ago, when I was still a comparatively wealthy man, I bought this little house, which is larger than it looks, and four acres of land: But I am talking too much about myself. You two young gentlemen must lead interesting if not exciting lives."

The reporter answered for the pair of them. "Fair enough. Mr. Avant and I are investigating a . . ." and here he paused because he saw the pathetic look of dismay that flashed across Lella's charming countenance.

"That is to say we are investigating a rather unpleasant affair that would not interest you, I am certain."

Lella thanked him with a quick flash of her eyes. Of that he was certain. But why should she do so? Perhaps tales of violence upset Mr. Darlay, who was certainly very frail.

There was an awkward pause in the conversation which Lella bridged by concocting some more grog. She was eyeing her grandfather anxiously. He looked ghastly. After a quick swallow of neat spirit, having refused hot water and other concomitants, he appeared to regain his quondam geniality, and he asked Avant in a quiet tone, "I suppose it is that sad business of young Vernon's that has caused you to investigate in this neighbourhood." The detective

hardly a word since he had entered the room.

The friendly atmosphere that had reigned therein at first had changed. Young Norris felt it and his face reflected his feelings. He endeavoured to make conversation and failed miserably. What was wrong? He could have cheered when Amos entered looking like the Ancient Mariner and gruffly announced that he had telephoned the garage and they were sending a tow-car along at once.

"Could I have a little word with you?" asked Avant in a low tone, Amos snarled. "Have it here and now. I know you have recognised me. Yes, I did ten years for manslaughter in the old days when the law was blind, but you have nothing on me now."

Mr. Darlay rose to his feet. "I must speak . . ." "Be quiet, sir," growled Amos, an almost tender note in his gruff voice. The Egyptologist persisted. "It is not fair to you. Mr. Avant, will you please take my statement?"

The young detective rose to his feet, his rather finely-modelled face not unsympathetic. "I must warn you . . ." he began.

"Oh, cut the cackle!" growled Amos, "I did it. I done the fellow in and he deserved it, the black villain!"

"That is not true, Amos. You must not sacrifice yourself," almost shrieked Mr. Darlay, "I am guilty. I, alone. It was an unlucky blow!" Lella was crouched in her chair, her face covered in her hands.

Avant looked at her closely and asked in a soft voice. "Why did you hit him, Miss Darlay?"

Despite the volcerous advice of Amos and her grandfather, she replied, jumping to her feet, "I hit Mr. Vernon. I had to. I hit him with his own stick and he fell and his head hit that pointed ornament on the table over there. Grandfather and Amos came in just after and . . . and . . ." Then she shook her head as if at a loss for words.

"I took the body across country to Ashlea woods," said Mr. Darlay. Amos laughed aloud, a croaking laugh. "You're not strong enough, Mr. Vivian. It was my idea and I did it."

Avant nodded. "I see. Where is this telephone, Amos. Take me to it will you and we will have a chat on the way," and the two men walked out, a newborn look of astonished respect for the young detective in Amos's deep-set eyes.

Young Norris did not know what to say. Of course his first duty was to his newspaper, but then he was not one of those hardened crime-reporters you see on the films. Besides he was very young, came from a good home, had a sister of his own.

"I'll see you out of this," he suddenly promised Lella, remembering that his uncle Timothy was one of the finest "criminal" solicitors in London. It seemed hours before Avant and Amos returned. The young detective announced: "The Chief Constable is coming down to see you himself, Mr. Darlay. If I may say so, unofficially, I do not think you should worry too much." "Dang me if 'e ain't a decent cove for a copper," commented Amos in an Irish whisper. Avant turned to Norris, "You'll not send in any report until you have our permission? Is that a go?" The reporter nodded. "Good man," said the sleuth. "Anyhow no other paper will have a line. We'll see to that."

A honk-honking in the distance, growing nearer and nearer, then the Chief Constable appeared, having been admitted by Amos. He was a tall, finely-built man, still a good deal of the Army Major he had been. "What's this I hear, Vivian?" Then to Avant and Norris, "Clear out, you two. I'll call you when I want you."

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night. Avant and the reporter strolled up and down the pathway through the meadow, smoking their pipes and talking commonplaces, then they heard the Chief Constable's hail and returned to the cottage.

"Avant, you will stay here as the guest of Mr. Darley. In the morning, you will bring him along with Miss Leila and old Amos to headquarters, where we will see the police solicitor. I will send a car for you. Vivian, I am afraid I shall have to charge the lot of you; but I will not oppose bail, as the charge will not be the capital one. What about your solicitor?" Then young Norris spoke up. "My uncle, sir, Anthony Norris . . . By jove, the best man in the country for the job. He can coach counsel better than any man I know."

"Amos, will you lead me to that 'phone, please?" asked Norris in a meek yet triumphant voice.

The rustic almost beamed on him. "Reckon you'll get Miss Leila off, do you, young sir?" he asked. "Yes, all of you." "Don't care about me. I don't mind, but it's Miss Leila and Mr. Vivian I want to see out of trouble."

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Anthony Norris briefed a brilliant young barrister on the local circuit and the three defendants were acquitted and cheered by the crowd outside the court.

Vernon was proved to have an unpleasant habit of thrusting his attentions on young women and on two occasions had got himself into serious trouble in London. Also, he was extremely brutal in his cups.

On the evening of his death, he had been to a farmers' dinner and had drunk too much. He must have determined to walk home and missed his way but found the

TWO MORE SHIPS SUNK

Amsterdam, To-day.

Two more vessels have hit mines and sunk off the Dutch coast, the Italian steamer *Comitas* (3,685 tons), bound for Antwerp, and the Swedish ship *Vega* (1,700 tons).

The *Comitas* crew are now in boats and are making for the Dutch coast.

The crew of the *Vega* arrived at Imuiden yesterday. Several of them were wounded.—Reuter.

Darleys' cottage, where Leila was alone waiting for her grandfather and Amos to return from the monthly meeting of the Ashlea branch of the British Legion, a thriving little branch of which Mr. Darley was chairman.

She was obliged to hit him in self-defence, a slight enough blow as it transpired, but he was taken off his balance and fell backwards on to the symbolical pointed ornament sharp as a short perpendicular stiletto, which pierced through the base of his skull and killed him instantly.

Avant is now an inspector and Norris, who got his "scoop" but in very watered-down form, is doing very good work in Fleet Street. I am not sure which of them Leila prefers, but the local betting is slightly in favour of the detective, but you never can tell. Amos thinks she will marry the reporter—I apologise—Special Correspondent, I should say.

SOVIET BATTLESHIP CRIPPLED

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Soviet battleship, "*October Revolution*" has been observed, badly crippled, being towed by two Soviet destroyers.—Reuter.

CANADA'S WAR ORDERS

London, To-day.

According to an official announcement from Ottawa, between September 1 and November 21 the Canadian Government placed orders for war material totalling nearly £12,000,000.

Of these, orders for aircraft accounted for £3,00,000, while the other principal items included clothing and equipment £1,600,000, fuel £500,000 and construction projects £2,000,000.

In addition, during the same period, orders were placed for railway equipment to the value of £5,000,000.—British Wireless.

RHODESIA'S WAR EFFORT

London, To-day.

The future use of Rhodesian troops and the possibility of their being called to service on the western front has not yet been decided.

This matter, together with financial and other problems connected with the presence of troops in West and East Africa, will be discussed when the Rhodesian Minister of Defence, Mr. Tredgold, visits London after Christmas.

Mr. Tredgold is coming to England at the suggestion of the British Government.—British Wireless.

KING AT MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

London, To-day.

The King yesterday visited the Ministry of Agriculture, where, in the company of the Minister and representatives of agricultural and fishing interests, he made a tour of the exhibition which by maps, pictures, diagrams and films showed the progress of the ploughing of grassland campaign in which His Majesty was particularly interested.—British Wireless.

NEW YEAR PLANS FOR CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

A MASS ATHLETIC PARADE WILL BE A FEATURE OF THE NEW YEAR'S DAY CELEBRATIONS IN CHUNGKING.

The parade will consist of eight groups: — the army (comprising infantry, artillery and tank corps units); labour, with fire brigade, first aid and farming detachments; Boy Scouts; Chinese boxing; groups depicting track and field events; games (including soccer, basketball, baseball and tennis); riding, cycling, motorcycling and archery; and miscellaneous groups (including representations of skating, swimming and other recreations).

During the parade there will also be aerial displays.—Reuter.

AIR RAID CALENDARS

Chungking, To-day.

Air raid calendars are the latest household innovation here.

New calendars for 1940 are being issued, with official approval, giving daily instructions on air raid precautions.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone continues moving eastward and is now centred over the Sea of Japan.

Another anticyclone has formed over North China.

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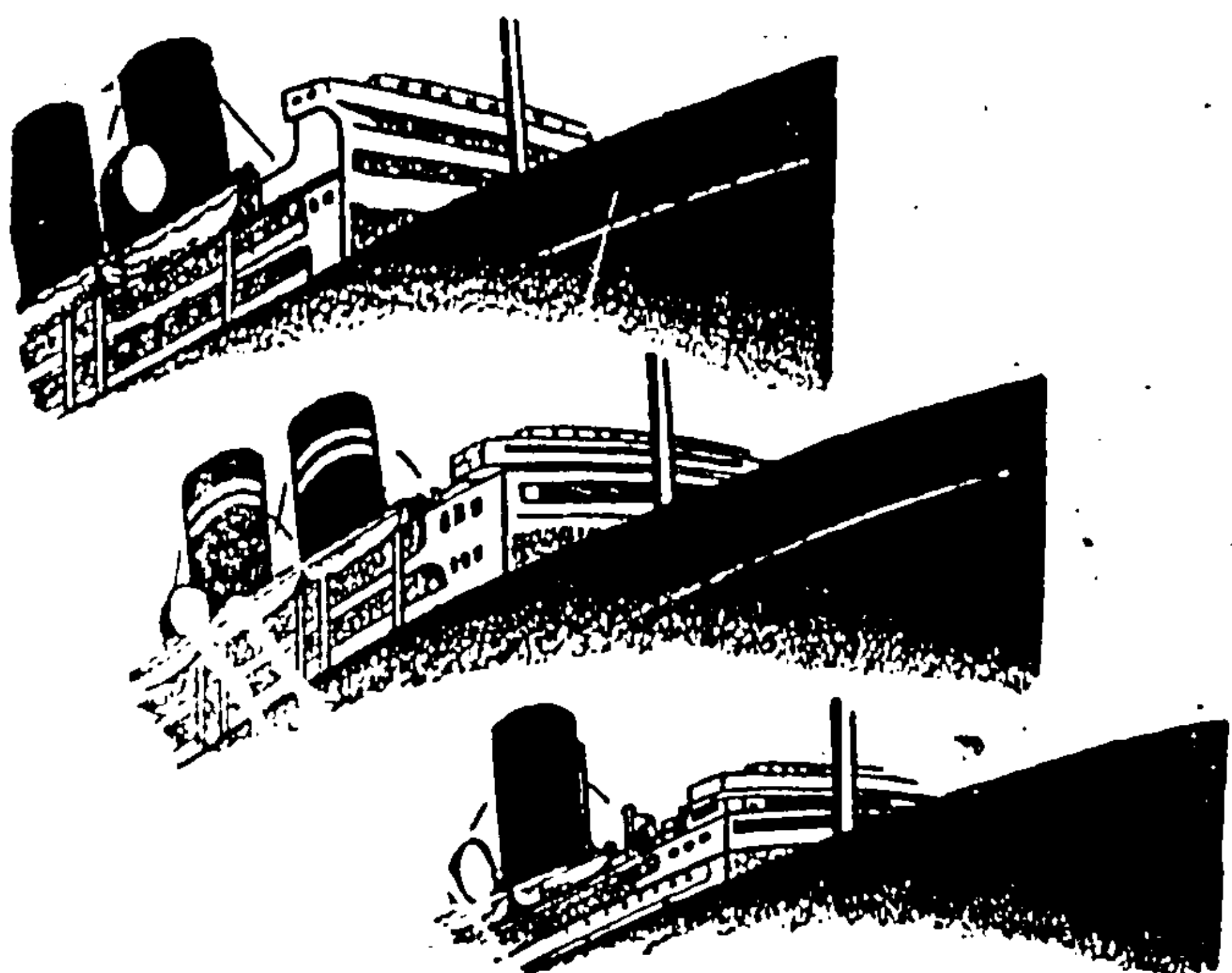
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"HITLER SPEAKS"

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treasure of Mexican soil, Germany could be rich and great! Why do we not tackle this task? We could get this Mexico for a couple of hundred million. Why should I not make an alliance with Mexico, a defence alliance, and a customs alliance?"

South America

Another dinner table conversation revealed more of Hitler's political opinions about South America, and showed how far-reaching were his plans even then, and how mistaken was the belief that National Socialism had political aims only in the east and south-east of Europe. A trusted, leading member of the S. A. had just returned from South America, and Hitler had engaged him in conversation. Over the coffee, Hitler took up the thread of the discourse again. Evidently his information was not detailed, and he was merely repeating various notions—highly popular at the time—concerning the land of the future that he had gleaned from certain publications. He was specially interested in Brazil.

"We shall create a new Germany there," he cried. "We shall find everything we need there."

He then outlined broadly all that a hard-working and energetic government could do to create order. All the pre-conditions for a revolution were there, a revolution which in a few decades, or even years, would transform a corrupt mestizo state into a German dominion.

Hitler then asked further questions about German possibilities in South America. The Argentine and Bolivia were in the first line of interest, and it appeared that there were many points where National Socialist influence might make itself felt.

I turned to Hanfstaengel with the suggestion that this seemed to me a most alarming repetition in an aggravated form of the whole pre-war policy. Would it not be wiser not to challenge Britain and America, at least until Germany's position was unassailable? Moreover, this proposed policy was in contradiction to the fundamental rules laid down by Mein Kampf. But now for the first time I heard derogatory mention made of this book in Hitler's presence, and concluded from this that it was by no means regarded in the inner circles as the binding pronouncement it was given out to be for the masses. It was Hanfstaengel's opinion that sooner or later we should in any case have to face the hostility of the United States

and Britain. Germany was ready. Was I still cherishing, he contemptuously asked, illusions about Britain? As for the United States, they would certainly never interfere in Europe again; he knew that better than anyone, for he knew these gentry and their weaknesses. Britain, he proclaimed, was dead. Where else, he added, should Germany get the elements of her future world empire, if not from the disintegrating empires of Britain and France? The final struggle with Britain could not be evaded.

"And if you look closer," concluded Hanfstaengel, "you will find that everything about Britain in Mein Kampf is of purely tactical value. Hitler had good reason to write as he did."

That night I heard mentioned for the first time the general outlines of the future great German overseas Reich, I was amazed to hear that Hitler was reaching out to the Pacific. Above all, he was interested in the former great German island empire, embracing the Dutch possessions and the whole of New Guinea. Japan must not be allowed to grow too big. Hitler remarked. It must be deflected against China and Russia. But Hitler also anticipated a Central African Dominion of Germany as well as a complete revolutionary transformation of the U.S.A. With the breakdown of the British Empire, Hitler believed he could also break Anglo-Saxon influence in North America, and substitute for it the German language and culture as a preliminary step towards incorporating the United States in the German world empire.

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(To-morrow: On His Foreign Policy.)

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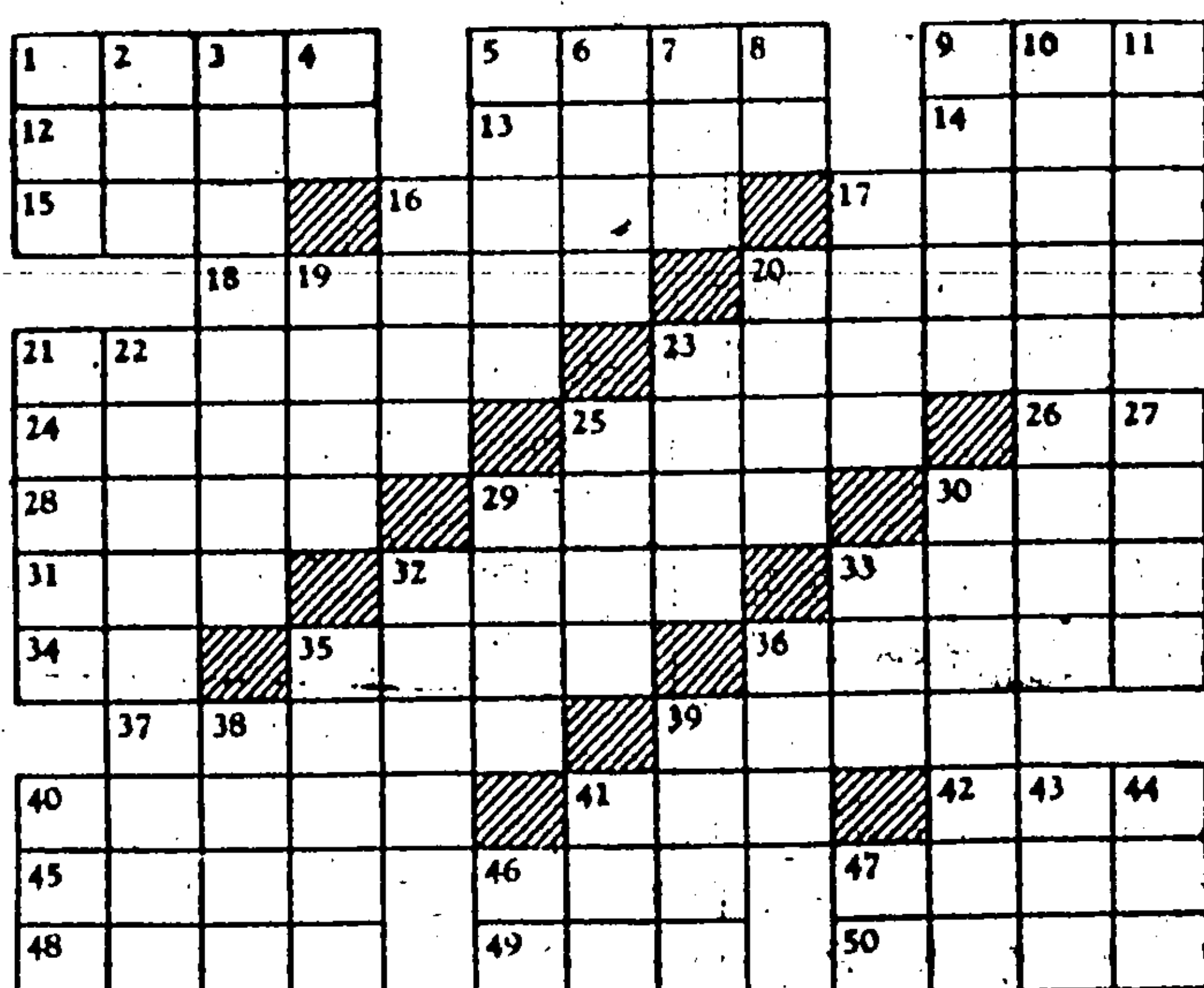
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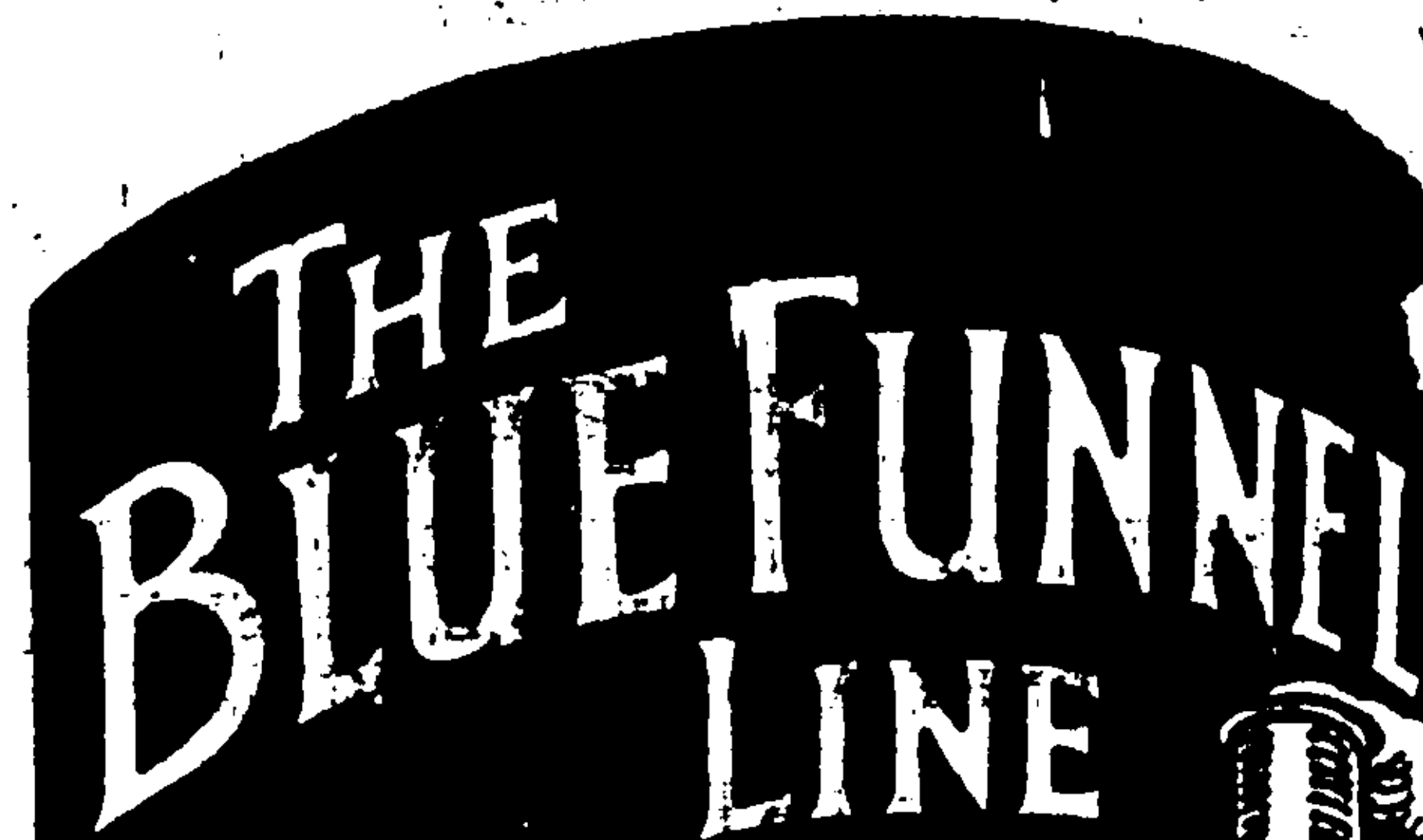
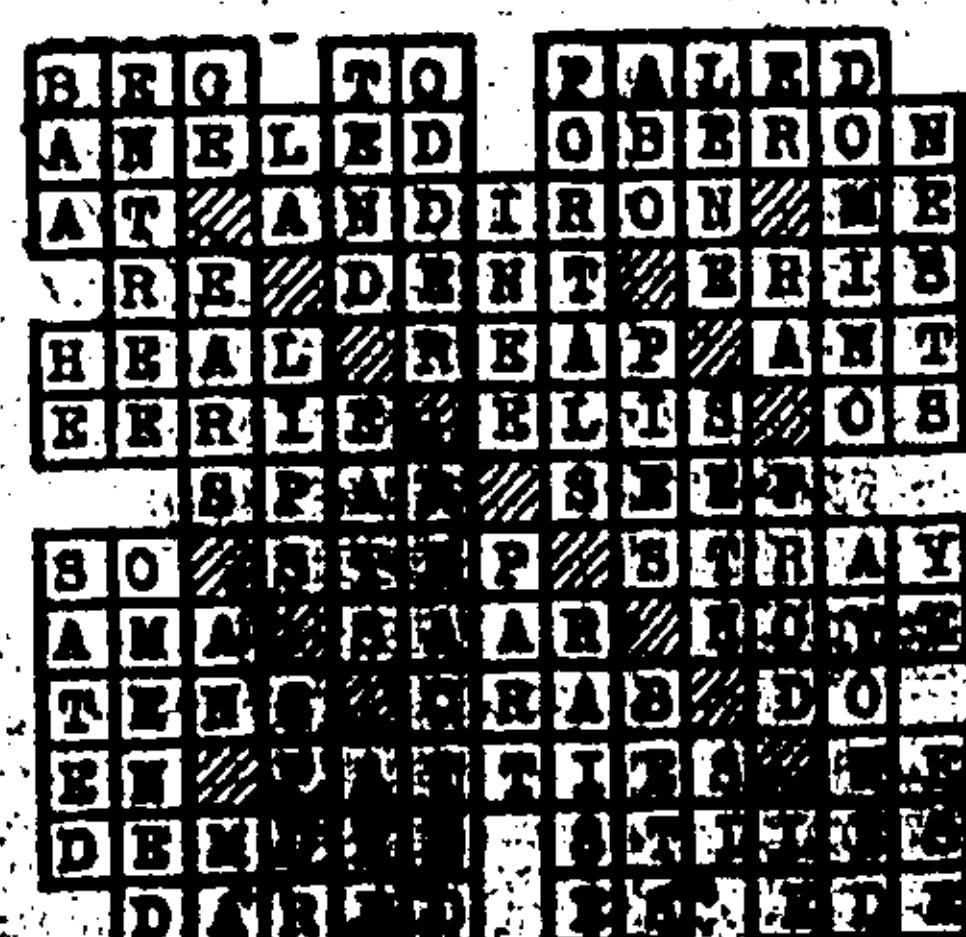
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Thin stratum
- 5 Commanded
- 9 Hole
- 12 River of Europe
- 13 Persian poet
- 14 Blackbird
- 15 Brown
- 16 Ancient city
- 17 Silent
- 18 Willow
- 20 Boxed
- 21 Diatribe
- 23 Communion dish
- 24 Greek poet
- 25 Chances
- 26 Hence
- 28 Dash
- 29 Colourless
- 30 Free
- 31 Wholly
- 32 Tenth of cent
- 33 To rant
- 34 Musical note
- 35 Corn cake
- 36 More docile
- 37 S. American country
- 39 Solitary
- 40 To restrict

VERTICAL

- 1 To place
- 2 High note
- 3 Strangely
- 4 Pronoun
- 5 Wearied
- 6 Cupid
- 7 Period of time
- 8 Teutonic deity
- 9 To cease
- 10 Thoroughly
- 11 United
- 16 Row
- 17 Tangles
- 19 Observed
- 20 Ness
- 21 To clip
- 22 One who gathers
- 23 To grow wearisome
- 25 Hearty
- 27 German river
- 29 Long for
- 30 Cheese dish
- 32 To shed
- 33 Operated
- 35 Garden flowers
- 36 Bushy clump
- 38 To employ
- 39 Cape
- 40 Report
- 41 Manner
- 43 To erode
- 44 Poor Gnat's mother
- 45 Cronkin
- 47 To emit

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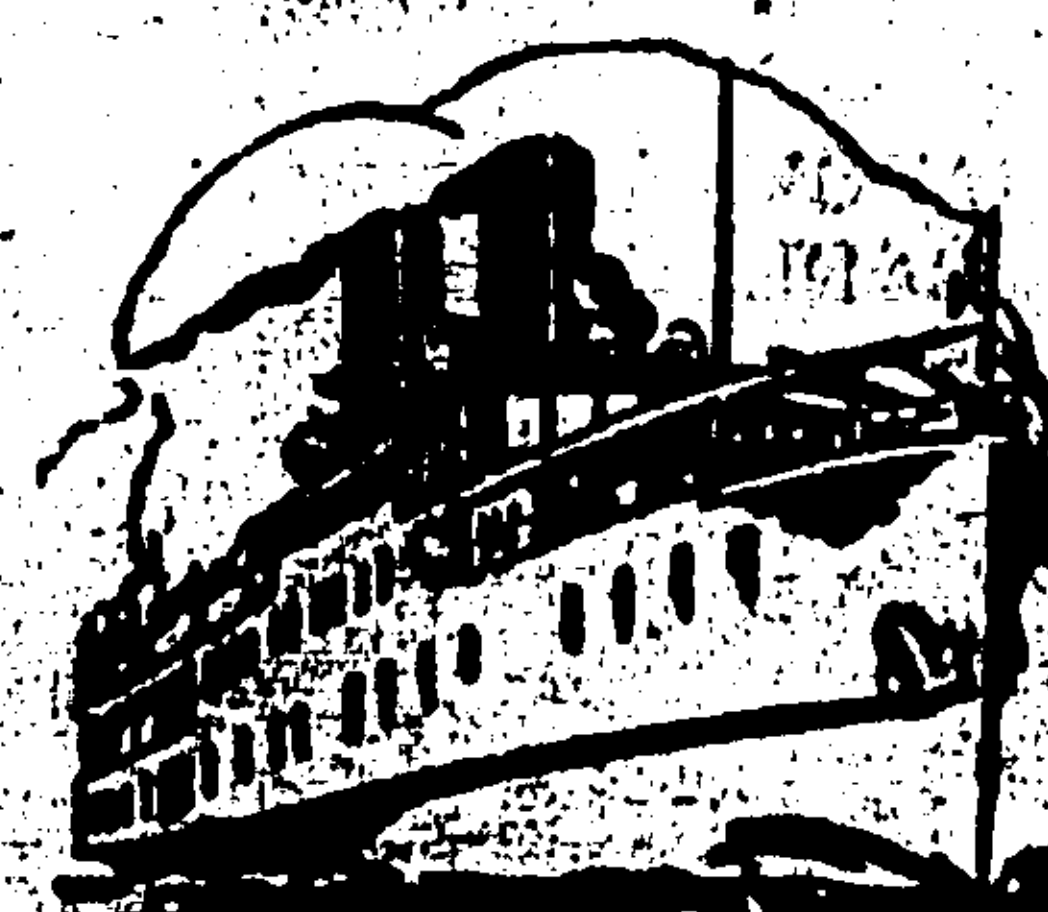
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Following are Fanling golf starting times
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OLD COURSE

9.16 a.m.	M. Pollock, R. R. de L. Lies- ching.
9.20	L. R. Cramer, M. D. Cooper.
9.24	T. L. Christie, D. J. Gilmore.
9.28	R. H. Gregory, W. Hewitt.
9.32	G. R. Horridge, G. E. R. Divett.
9.36	R. C. Gairdner, E. T. McMullen.
9.40	I. P. Tamworth, R. G. Parker.
9.44	W. A. Stewart, T. Low.
9.48	R. C. Stewart, F. A. M. Elliott.
9.52	O. E. C. Marton, S. H. Doddwell.
9.56	F. C. Young, J. W. Mayhew.
10.00	D. M. McDougall, T. Megarry.
10.04	A. V. Greaves, A. B. Purves.
10.08	A. K. Mackenzie, F. D. Hunter.
10.12	D. L. Prophet, H. S. Jones.
10.16	D. Allen, S. C. Weltham.
10.20	T. A. Pearce, L. M. Wylie.
10.24	J. B. Harrison, L. A. R. Duncan.
10.28	J. D. and J. M. Thompson.
10.32	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.36	K. S. Robertson, W. W. C. She- wan.
10.40	J. P. Murphy, A. Mabb.
10.44	C. C. Willson, H. A. Mills.
10.48	A. M. Kennedy, R. G. Gray.
10.52	N. K. Littlejohn, H. N. William- son.
10.56	C. G. Aitkenhead, M. S. Baner.
11.00	C. D. N. Walker, G. H. Cauther- lay.
11.04	C. C. Black, H. G. Sheldon.
11.08	Col. Rose, Wing Cdr. Steele Per- kins.
11.12	B. D. Evans, D. D. Forbes.
11.16	J. M. Pearson, G. M. Park.
11.20	F. Groves, A. E. Lissaman.
11.24	I. H. C. Hight, G. R. Riddell Carre.
11.28	J. W. Clague, P. E. Annis.
11.32	B. O. Baldwin, J. A. Mackay.

NEW COURSE

9.24 a.m.	A. Sommerfelt*, S. S. Church*.
9.32	A. M. Mack*, M. G. Carruthers*.
9.40	Lieut. Carter*, G. T. Harrington.
9.52	Brig. MacLeod, Major Meek.
10.00	Mrs. Hillier, Mrs. Smalley.
10.08	Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Hunter.
10.16	Col. Smith, Mrs. Murrell.
10.24	Col. and Mrs. Matthews.
10.32	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
10.36	Col. Shackleton, Major Murray.
10.44	Sir Vandeleur and Miss Gray- burn.
10.48	F. Chatty, Miss Vickers.
11.08	Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Steele Perkins.

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CHINA LIGHT PROFIT SHOWS RISE

"The net profit stands at \$1,136,616.13," said Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, chairman, at the annual meeting of the China Light and Power Co., held to-day.

After mentioning this profit, Mr. Kadoorie hoped that "legislative measures for raising revenue will not be of such a radical nature as to discourage further new industries from settling in this Colony," and spoke of the "vexatious imposts and inquisitorial searchings so greatly resented by Chinese Capital."

Mr. Kadoorie said:—

The gross profit for the year amounted to \$2,045,551.64 as against \$1,663,109.86 for the previous financial year. The provision for depreciation amounts to \$873,265.66 as compared with \$545,875.31 for the preceding year.

Your directors recommend the declaration of a dividend at the rate of 50 cents per share on the "Old" shares and proportionate amounts on the "New" shares absorbing about \$1,063,485.30 and that the balance of about \$92,819.08 be carried forward.

The feature of the growth of your undertaking is the number of factories—large and small—that have come into being, bringing with them machinery which previously operated in other parts of China. These factories account not only for a larger consumption of electricity for power but also for a considerably larger number of units for the lighting requirements of the increased population in the area which your company serves.

In placing before you a record profit, it is necessary to mention the greatly increased costs of various items of current expenditure, the most important being for coal.

Last year your chairman made mention of the new extension to your power station at Hok On together with the plant which was being installed therein. I am glad to record that this building is now receiving the final touches before its formal opening, and that the 120,000-lb. capacity International combustion boiler and 12,500 K.W. Metropolitan-Vickers turbo-alternator have already been commissioned and are fulfilling the requirements guaranteed by the makers.

The 200,000-lb. M.C.R. tri-drum water tube boiler, which has the distinction of having the largest travelling grate stoker in the world is nearly ready for operation.

I would like to say how much my colleagues and I owe to all the staff—both European and Chinese—for the zeal and efficiency of service that have made it possible to achieve the results which it has been my pleasure to review.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

That the report and accounts be adopted and passed; that a dividend of 50 cents a share on the "Old" shares and proportionate amounts on the "New" be declared; that Messrs. M. K. Lo and J. P. Braga be re-elected directors; and that Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Linstead and Davis be re-elected auditors at an annual fee of \$1,800 each.



Going around with a chip on one's shoulder will warp the best of dispositions.



Sir Atholl MacGregor was among the "older children" who attended the K.B.G. Club's children's party.



The Hawaiian troupe who are taking part in the New Year Carnival at the Peninsula Hotel.

LOST

LOST—Between Star Ferry Wharf, Kowloon, and Chater Road car park, a Spanish paste car-ring, at about 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday. Finder please return to Lt.-Comdr. de Chair of 360, The Peak.

NOTICE

The Undersigned wish to announce that the Sale of Office Furniture by Public Auction on Friday, the 22nd December, 1939, at Messrs. F. Feld & Co., (in liquidation) Second Floor, French Bank Building, Queen's Road, Central, has been postponed to THURSDAY, the 28th December, 1939.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Thursday, the 28th. Dec., 1939, commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2 Connaught Road, Central. (Room No. 205, 2nd. Floor) A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps On View from Wednesday, the 27th. December, 1939. Terms: Cash on Delivery LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers. Hong Kong, 22nd Dec. 1939.

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COMMUNICATIONS CUT BY RAIDS

Amsterdam, To-day.
Telephonic communication with Helsinki, the Finnish capital, was completely cut yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8. Silver was quoted at 23-3/8 spot and 23-1/2 forward. The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.02 and New York on London at £—U.S.\$3.04-5/8.

JAPANESE RELIEFS

Shanghai, To-day.
The Whangpoo River was packed with military transports yesterday disembarking a large number of Japanese troops.

The number is estimated at some 10,000, but this could not be confirmed, the Japanese officials declining to discuss anything in connection with these new troops. It is also not known where the troops came from. Some of the troops were later seen

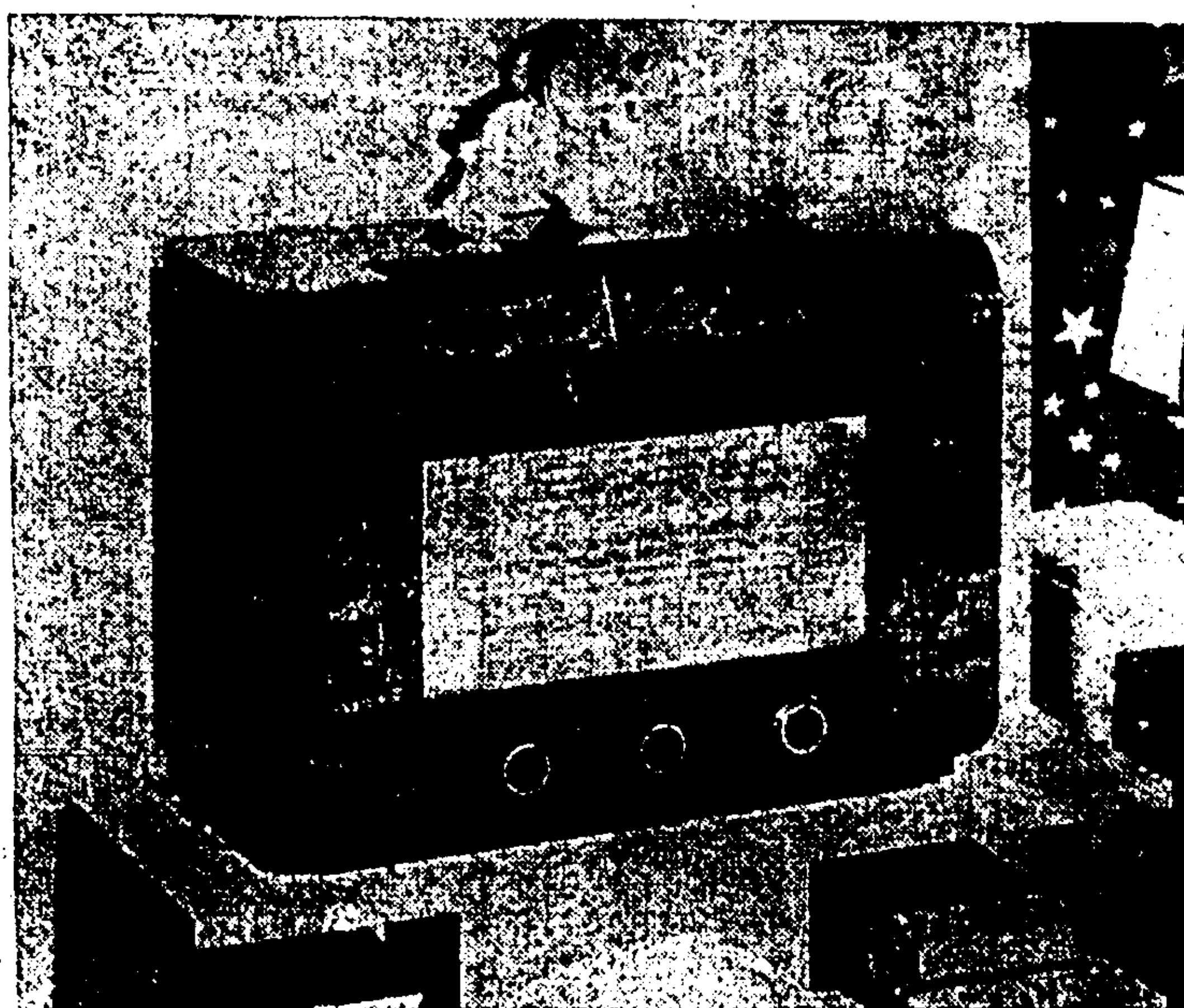
MEIN KAMPF IN A NEW EDITION

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Bucharest, To-day.

The fact that German newspapers are at present advertising a special Jubilee Edition of "Mein Kampf" as a Christmas gift leads to the belief that this edition is a new revised version in which the violent anti-Soviet passages have been deleted.—Havas.

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The kindergarten of the C.M.S. Heep Yunn School presented "Fairy Pipers" at the speech day last Saturday.



Near the "finish" of the Girls' Flat Race at the K.B.G. sports and children's party.



Moore, Ireland's goalkeeper in action against China in the "Sunday Herald" Cup Charity Competition.



Mme. C. C. Wu at the opening of the charity bazaar held at the C.R.C. last week.



Spectators at the potato race, a laughter-provoking event at last Saturday's sports and party given by the K.B.G. Club.

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FOOTBALL

REST TEAM FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

The following have been selected to represent the Rest of the Colony in a charity football match against United Services on New Year's Day, at Causeway Bay, 4 p.m. Proceeds of the match will be donated to the British War Organisation Fund.

Cheung Wing-chow (South China), Lee Tin-sang, (South China), Blackburn (Police), Leung Wing-chiu (South China), Forrow (Club), Hau King-seng (Eastern),

Fowler (Club), Fung King-cheong (South China), Lee Wai-tong (South China) (Capt.), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's), Hau Tsing-tao (Eastern).

Reserves.—Ulrich (Kowloon), E. Strange (Club), Maxwell (Kowloon), Chan Tak-fai (South China), and Cheuk Shek-kai (Kwong Wah).

KOWLOON TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent Kowloon to-morrow:

Firsts (Home) 4 p.m.—Smith; Eastman, Bliss; Maxwell, Williamson, Dantes; V. White, P. Jorge, Riersten, Jackson, Bell. Seconds (Home) 2.30 p.m.—Lapaley; Humphrey, Castro; W. Knox, Gordon-James, Hardwick; Taylor, C. M. Santos, D. Knox, Silva, F. Jorge.

BADMINTON NOTES

Victory Of Chinese "Y" Over Recreio "A" Was No Fluke

The Winners Played Superlative Badminton

KING'S CONSOLIDATING IN JUNIOR DIVISION

(By "ADREM")

CHIEF FEATURE OF THE week's badminton was the sensational defeat of Recreio "A" in the "A" Division on Monday.

This result was really incredible to those who saw these teams in action last season. I am told that there was no element of fluke in the success of Chinese "Y." They were just too good and completely outplayed their King's Park rivals.

An extraordinary fact is that the line-up of both teams was just about the same as last season and serves to indicate what intensive practice can do to a team.

Recreio appear to have become stagnant as far as their badminton is concerned. When badminton first started here, they were always one of the most formidable combinations in the Colony. The majority of the players who represented them then, represent them now.

I do not suggest that these players have fallen away, the answer, I

think, is that they have reached the limit of their capacity for improvement, and have thus "stayed put," while players in other teams have been improving.

There are several identical cases in the League, St. Andrew's being a good example. Whereas, the latter team, however, have no reserves upon which to draw, Recreio have unlimited resources and I feel that their best course, if they wish to keep the club in its position of eminence in the badminton world, is to utilise this season for team-building.

They would do well to encourage the younger members of the club and train them to carry their colours with the distinction of their predecessors, now approaching the veteran stage.

University "A" team looks much the same as it did last season. It is as yet difficult to assess their capabilities on one game, against their "B" team.

Difference in standard between "A" and "B" Divisions appeared to be illustrated in the 9-nil defeat of Chung Wah, last year's "B" winners, at the hands of Chinese "Y."

The latter's subsequent defeat of Recreio, however, changes the aspect somewhat. Until Chung Wah meet one of the other senior teams, opinion must be reserved.

KING'S CONSOLIDATING

In "B" Division, King's have gone serenely along winning all their matches with something to spare, while St. Teresa's, after a shaky start, have settled down to score victories over Kowloon Tong and St. Andrew's.

Until they strengthen their third string, however, I cannot see them extending such teams as Recreio or St. John's.

There has been little progress in Mixed Division as yet. Recreio's team is the same as last season's and they will again be strongest challengers to University, the champions, notwithstanding the fact that St. John's will be assisted by Henry and Decima Eardley, and have another good pair in David Kwok and Mrs. Peggy Wilson.

RECREIO'S BADMINTON SUCCESS

In "B" Division of the Badminton League on Wednesday Recreio beat Victoria Recreation Club 7-2.

A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros (Recreio "B")
beat T. Xavier and F. Castro 21-10
beat O. el Arculli and S. A. Rumjahn 21-10
beat E. Soares and A. K. Rumjahn .. 21-5
R. A. Marques and H. Gonsalves (Recreio "B")
beat Xavier and Castro 21-18
lost to Arculli and Rumjahn 19-31
beat Soares and Rumjahn 21-4
N. A. Beltrão and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio "B")
lost to Xavier and Castro 19-31
beat Arculli and Rumjahn 21-13
beat Soares and Rumjahn 21-12

Owing to pressure on space, Bowling Alley Jottings and Graphic Golf have been held over.

BADMINTON PAIRINGS

Following are "B" Division badminton pairings to date:

		Games	
P.	L.	P.	L.
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	12	1	11
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (K. Tong)	12	4	8
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (St. Teresa's)	9	2	7
John Chen and F. Tsang (St. Teresa's)	9	2	7
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	6	0	6
P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	9	3	6
N. A. E. Mackay and P. B. C. Fletcher (K. Tong)	6	1	5
K. H. Lo and T. Lam (King's)	9	5	4
W. M. Cheung and S. P. Chan (King's)	3	0	3
A. E. P. Guest and W. Gillies (St. Andrew's)	9	6	3
A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros (Recreio)	3	0	3
S. P. Chan and T. Lam (King's)	3	1	2
H. Kew and E. F. Fincher (St. Andrew's)	6	4	2
A. E. Brown and A. S. Bliss (St. Andrew's)	6	4	2
Austin Ho and J. Lam (St. Teresa's)	6	4	2
F. H. Kwok and R. C. Beavan (St. John's)	3	1	2
D. Kwok and R. Maynard (St. John's)	3	1	2
P. Wilson and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	3	1	2
J. L. Stephens and A. E. H. Castro (K. Tong)	3	1	2
R. A. Marques and H. Gonsalves (Recreio)	3	1	2
N. A. Beltrão and R. A. Yvanovich Jr. (Recreio)	3	1	2
W. C. Chung and K. H. Lo (King's)	3	2	1
E. F. Fincher and A. E. Brown (St. Andrew's)	3	2	1
B. C. Kevan and T. Madar (K.C.C.)	3	2	1
A. Chan and N. A. E. Mackay (K. Tong)	6	5	1
A. E. H. Castro and P. B. C. Fletcher (K. Tong)	6	5	1
T. Xavier and F. Castro (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
O. el Arculli and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)	3	2	1

"B" DIVISION BADMINTON

		Games	
P.	L.	P.	L.
King's College	4	4	0
St. Teresa's	3	2	1
Kowloon Tong	4	2	2
St. John's	1	1	0
Recreio	1	1	0
St. Andrew's	3	0	3
K. C. C.	3	0	3
V. R. C.	1	0	1
	20	10	10

BADMINTON

EARDLEYS PLAYING TO-NIGHT

(By "ADREM")

Chief interest in to-night's Mixed Doubles badminton will be the first appearance of Henry Eardley and Miss Decima Eardley, Shanghai mixed doubles champions, in the local League.

As St. John's are playing Taikoo, however, and the latter have no pretensions to strength, the northern pair are not likely to be seriously tested.

I have been unable to secure University's line-up for their match with Recreio "B" in what should be quite an interesting encounter.

Mixed Doubles Badminton programme for to-day and some teams:

Recreio "B" v. University
Taikoo v. St. John's
St. John's-F. H. Kwok and Mrs. E. Strange; H. Eardley and Miss Eardley; D. Kwok and Mrs. Wilson.
Recreio "B"-C. C. Pereira and Miss C. Silva; H. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier; L. A. Carvalho and Miss S. Remedios.

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K.C.C. TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent Kowloon against the Indians at cricket to-morrow:

Firsts (Away).—D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, E. F. Fincher, N. A. E. Mackay, A. Zimmerman, W. L. Rapley, H. T. Broadbridge, D. Hung, T. A. Madar, N. D. Lloyd, K. M. Baxter.

Seconds (Home).—W. Mulcahy, S. A. Gray, F. J. Lay, G. A. Goodban, R. A. J. Simpson, C. F. Green, G. A. V. Hall, R. Baldwin, G. E. Taylor, R. A. Harding, C. Pope.

ARMY'S T. T. CRICKET TEAM

The following will represent Army against Hong Kong Cricket Club on the latter's ground on Tuesday in the Triangular Tournament.

Capt. C. E. Godby (H.K.S.R.A.) (Captain), Major W. G. Harvey (R.A.M.C.), Major J. E. Swyer (R.A.M.C.), Capt. J. F. Lawrence (R.I.A.S.C.), Capt. D. C. E. Grose (R.E.), Capt. A. B. Whatman (R. Signals), Cpl. Webb (R.A.M.C.), Sgt. Denyer (R.E.), Cpl. Murphy (R. Signals), Spr. Ratcliffe (R.E.) and Dvr. Logan (R.A.S.C.).

H.K.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club v. The Army on Boxing Day at the Hong Kong Cricket Club. Play commences at 11 a.m.

T. A. Pearce (Capt.), L. T. Ride, J. E. Richardson, A. E. Perry, D. McLellan, R. D. Gillespie, J. L. C. Pearce, T. V. N. Fortescue, D. I. Bosanquet, B. C. Fay and L. D. Kilbee.

NAVY "A" XV

The following will represent Navy "A" against Club "A" to-morrow on the Club ground, at 2.45 p.m.:—Lieutenant Bax; S. B. A. Addis, Paymaster Lieutenant Stevens, Tel. Hall and Marine Jeffries; Stoker Gallagher and Midshipman O'Riordan; Cpl. Marron, Lieutenant (E) Brown, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Flight Lieutenant Taylor, A. B. Longmuir, Ldg. Wtr. Ferris, Paymaster Lieutenant Charles and Chief Writer King. Reserves:—Tel. Faulkner, L. S. Jones and Ldg. Sig. Inglis.

Following will represent Club "A":—H. F. Hopkins; H. van Leeuwen (Captain), D. B. Nelson, B. C. Fay and P. B. Wilson; G. S. Wilson and C. G. Trecllder; E. W. Stout, F. Burford, P. F. Wanklyn; B. Hynes, A. G. Dalziel; T. Swan, A. M. Kennedy and G. J. P. Carey.

"Y" LADIES TEAM FOR TO-MORROW

The following have been chosen to represent "Y" Ladies in a friendly hockey game against Central British Association Ladies on the "Y" ground to-morrow at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Trimmer and Mrs. Strange; Mrs. Stone, Miss Stokes and Miss Dunne; Mrs. Burnett, Miss Harker, Miss D. McCaw, Mrs. Gardner, and Miss Buchanan.

OWING to the non-appearance of several players selected to take part, the Army trial matches at Sookunpoo on Wednesday turned out to be something of a fiasco. It was only possible to play one serious trial, the initial effort being abandoned at half time, and in the second trial so many changes were made at half time that it actually turned out to be three 'halves'.

It was obvious that the great majority of the players who turned out have little hope of getting into the Army side but several players who have not hitherto been considered did quite well enough to merit at least a further trial.

The man of the afternoon was undoubtedly Guy, the Artillery centre half. Playing in the same game as Bright of Middlesex, he stood out alone and the 'stopping' play of Bright was put in the shade by the sterling performance given by Guy.

Guy is a very powerfully-built player and for his size is very fast. His kicking and ball distribution on Wednesday were almost perfect, and, on this showing, will walk into a place in the Army side.

It will be interesting to see him in action against a strong local side when the Army get their side together and try them out.

ANOTHER player who impressed me greatly was Garside the diminutive Medicals half back. I believe he

can play in either of the wing half positions but turned out at right half in this trial. Overcoming his handicap in height by accurate positioning and clever footwork he amply demonstrated that he is playing out of his class in Third Division football. His play when parting with the ball was very accurate and the leather very rarely went astray.

IN his debut, as far as 'Army' sides are concerned out here, Moxham of the Engineers made his place certain in the side with several fine saves, and has apparently solved the goalkeeper problem. He is a very well built player, very agile and gives one the impression that he is just as much at home with a ground shot as he is with a ball in the air. I do not think the Army will have any further cause for worry in this position.

Several backs were tried out and the pick were L/Cpl. Taylor of the Signals and Cpl. Hills. The latter has

already been commented upon in these columns but Taylor is a newcomer. He did well enough in this game to show that even if he does not get a regular place in the Army side he will be a valuable asset as a reserve in case of injury to the first string backs. Who they will be of course is not yet decided. Spinks, also, of the Signals, was on view and, despite several weeks' lay-off, showed good form. Sure kicking coupled with a nice turn of speed are his greatest assets.

IN the second 'half' Fleming of the Royal Scots was playing well enough to make one wonder whether he was not the equal of Saw, but unless Saw is injured I cannot see him getting in. He is somewhat inclined to hang on too long to the ball and should combat this as good moves are often spoiled by 'one man teams.'

Sapper Fox, who appeared at inside right instead of his normal position of centre forward, struck me as being quite likely to be a rather exceptional

forward and I should like to see him in the centre with a couple of 'hot' inside men playing with him.

There were many notable absentees from the trials including Saw, Sheehan, Lawton and Duffield. Saw I believe is nursing an injured toe whilst Lawton and Sheehan are also on the injured list.

C.C.C. CRICKET TEAMS

The following have been selected to represent C.C.C. in a friendly cricket match against the R.E.'s on Saturday, the 23rd inst., commencing at 2.00 p.m. on the home ground:—

B. R. Iranee (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, W. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, A. M. Omar and W. K. Way.

ANNUAL MATCH

The following have been selected to play in the Annual Married v. Singles Cricket Match commencing at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 26th inst. (Boxing Day):

MARRIED—E. Zimmern (Capt.), A. B. Hamson, H. P. Lim, A. R. H. Esmail, A. K. Ismail, J. L. Youngsaye, W. Hong Sling, B. R. Iranee, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock and W. K. Way.

SINGLES—F. R. Zimmern (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, E. A. Lee, A. J. Hulse, G. Winch, A. Hung, G. A. Lee, H. G. Hallam, P. J. Billimoria, G. Souza, A. H. Esmail and U. H. Esmail.

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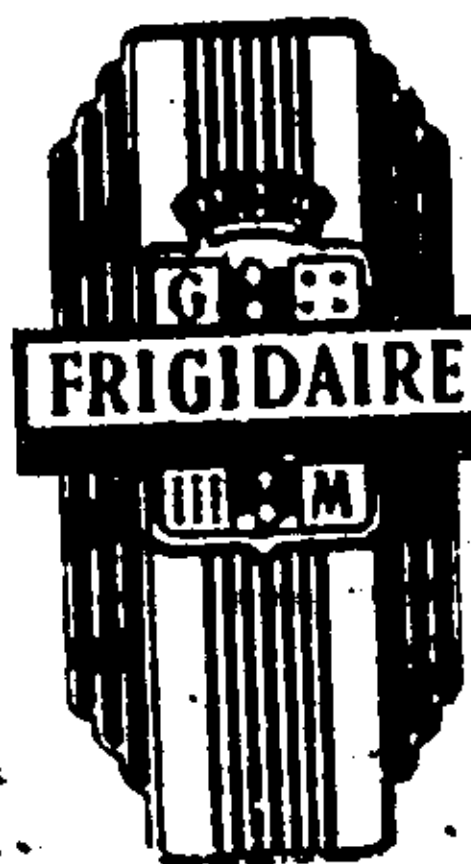
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Review Of Racing Season Reveals Increased Interest *Mr. Encarnacao Heads Jockeys For Second Year*

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(By "RAPIER")

The Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting held on Saturday last before a record crowd, and in which three Champions events were contested, proved a fitting climax to Hong Kong Jockey Club's 1939 season.

Despite misgivings attendant upon the commencement of hostilities in Europe, there has been no slackening of support for the various extra race meetings; in fact, a decided increase has been reflected in the unusually strong demand for tickets in the cash sweeps on practically every occasion.

In reviewing racing since the Summer recess one cannot but be impressed with the excellent weather at practically every meeting. This factor did much to attract ever increasing crowds to the Valley, where keen racing, which has been the order throughout, has been made possible by the fine condition of the track.

Dealing first with the Jockeys, congratulations are due to Mr. C. Encarnacao, who, for the second year in succession, achieved the distinction of being Champion Jockey. He scored no fewer than 34 wins. Mr. V. V. Needa was second with 25 winning mounts.

Mr. R. B. Moller came down specially from Shanghai to ride Navylight in the Hong Kong St. Leger, an event for China ponies, griffins of this season, and he won through determined riding in the closing stages of the race. He returned to Shanghai after this meeting but will probably participate in our Annual Racing Carnival next February.

Messrs. B. L. Tao and A. W. Raymond appeared before the Stewards and the former was suspended during the second half of the season. Mr. Raymond's offence was much more serious and he was "warned off" the course and thus forfeited his membership of Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Messrs. K. I. Ip and C. F. Chiu graduated from the novice class, a distinction fully merited.

Honours among owners were fairly evenly distributed during the period under review.

ROSE EVELYN OR KING KONG?

Little can be said regarding the old subs. Rose Evelyn was certainly in brilliant form when it won the Island Bay Handicap and the Connaught Handicap confined to "C" Class China ponies, and for such performances will have, in the future, to race among "B" Class ponies. It was expected to put up a fight against King Kong in the Connaught Handicap, but the latter threw its jockey, Mr. S. L. Sung, near The Rock. Since then these two have not clashed.

Whether Rose Evelyn is better than King Kong is a question which will have to remain unanswered for some time. Personally I am inclined to the belief that King Kong is the better pony.

Other winners were the Leopard, in the Norfolk Handicap, and Golden Cow, in the Gallowgate Handicap.



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UNLUCKY ROSE ELECT

Among the China ponies, Griffins of this season, Rose Elect, after winning the Derby and Chamblons Stakes at the Annual Meeting, had the misfortune to pull a tendon during the race for the Double Tenth Plate and was prevented from taking part in the Hong Kong St. Leger and Autumn Champions events.

In consequence Navylight came into prominence. It will be recalled that Navylight, ridden by Mr. H. C. Pih, fared very badly against Rose Elect in the Derby, and thereafter was taken to Shanghai. After receiving careful attention and gradual training it was brought back to Hong Kong for the St. Leger event, in which it was challenged only by Eve of Harvest in a thrilling finish.

I would rate Eve of Harvest second to Navylight. Marked down as a pony of distinction early this year, it has fully justified that opinion. It ran third in the Derby, after which it went on to win the Double Tenth Plate, and then, in the Hong Kong St. Leger, only lost to Navylight by a neck.

ROSE EMILY IMPROVES

Rose Emily, belonging to Mr. Eu Tong Sen, failed to come up to expectations during the first half of the year, but since then it has done quite well, winning on two occasions. Ridden by Mr. C. F. Chiu, it accounted for the Yunnan Handicap, and, under Mr. Encarnacao, won the Hong Kong Griffins Cup.

Blue Diamond, belonging to Mr. Hung, is another pony which failed to impress during the Annual Meeting, and the subsequent extra meetings, but after the Summer recess improved rapidly. It has three wins to its credit, i.e. the Island Bay Handicap (second section), the Austin Handicap (second section) and the Shum Chun Handicap (first section) for "C" Class China ponies.

Galaxy, belonging to Mr. L. B. Chao, lost to Rose Emily in the Hong Kong Griffins Cup, but this result was reversed in the St. Andrew's Stakes, which Galaxy won without being fully extended.

Then comes Rose Fiana from the Eu Tong Sen Stable, which has scored two nice wins, the second paying a fairly good dividend in the second leg of the "Daily Double" last Saturday.

Other griffins of this season which have won a race each are Eve of Heaven, Avon, Sunlight View and Lilliber.

CONFUSION BAY'S FINE FORM

Confusion Bay, owned by Mr. L. Dunbar, has established itself as the best of the old Griffins, China ponies. Since making its appearance on the local track, it has done remarkably well, but its best was not revealed until after the Summer recess. It has scored several wins, the most notable being in the October Handicap (1½ miles) and The H.K. Autumn Champions. Furthermore, carrying 168 lbs., this great-hearted pony broke the mile record, which until then had been held jointly by Diana Bay and Rose Elect.

It was a great pity that Rose Elect was unable to run in the Autumn Champions and thus give the public an opportunity of seeing it in action against Confusion Bay.

Royal Highness, with Mr. V. V. Needa up, carried off the Human Handicap (first section) Kwai Tung Handicap for "D" Class ponies, and, promoted to "C" Class, promptly won the Shum Chun Handicap (second section).

Jobor, from the Marber Stable, under the control of Mr. S. L. Sung, won the Kwai Tung Handicap and the Sussex Handicap. The other ponies with a win each are Red Feather, Lovely Star, Moonlight View, Estover and Laughing Girl.

KING KONG'S RECORD

There is really not a great deal of interest to record with regard to subscription griffins of this season. Practically unknown at the Annual Meeting, King Kong later improved rapidly and has since established itself as the outstanding pony among this year's subscription griffins. Its superiority has never been in doubt, especially during the second half of the season, and it has won the most important events, including the Sub-Griffins Autumn Plate, the Sub-Griffins St. Leger, and the Subs. Autumn Champions, all without being seriously challenged.

On its performances at the Annual Meeting, Marksman was expected to do great things. It gradually faded away, however, to be displaced in public favour by King Kong.

This great-hearted pony has proved so good that it has been placed in "B" Class, a distinction once held by Racing Boy, sub-champion of former days.

Musketeer came second in the Autumn Champions, and so must be regarded as being the next best to King Kong. It won the Austin Handicap at the Eighth Extra Meeting. Then comes Strathbannoch with two wins to its credit, in the Jordan Handicap and the Castle Peak Handicap (First Section) for "D" Class Class ponies.

Among other subscription griffins that have done well are Bressay, Kut Cheong, West Lake, Talkative, Guinness Time, Tiny Tim, Geordie, Wilber, Smiling Time and Chatterbox.

A GRAND TIME LEADING AUSTRALIAN

Quite the best races seen at the Valley were provided by Australian ponies. After winning the Australian Ponies Champions at the Annual Meeting, Lucky Lad fared very badly, and, not winning a subsequent race, failed to qualify for the Queensland Autumn Champions.

Pride of place for Australian ponies must now be given to A Grand Time, owned by Mr. Li Po-chun, which revealed great form in winning the Lanark Handicap under Mr. Yuen at the 12th Extra Meeting and the Queensland Autumn Champions, under Mr. Black, beating such ponies as Courting Eve, Lancashire Chips and Baffin Bay, winner of the Fremantle St. Leger.

Courting Eve has been most disappointing, but Lancashire Chips, since coming under the control of Mrs. Taggart, has shown good form. It was expected to do well in the Champions event, but, as previously, could not last out the full distance.

Among the new ponies Baffin Bay, belonging to Mr. L. Dunbar, and Chiltern, owned by Mrs. Eu Tong Sen, gave the old stalwarts a good deal to think about.

Ridden by Mr. H. J. A. Hearne, Baffin Bay scored a meritorious but surprising victory in the Fremantle St. Leger to pay the second best win dividend of the year.

Chiltern, piloted by Mr. Encarnacao, improved to such an extent that it came in third to Baffin Bay, while Ajax, ridden by Mr. Poy, sprang a neat surprise on the occasion of the Twelfth Extra Meeting, when it paid out over \$200.00 for a winning ticket and caused the "Daily Double" pool of \$7,523 to be carried over.



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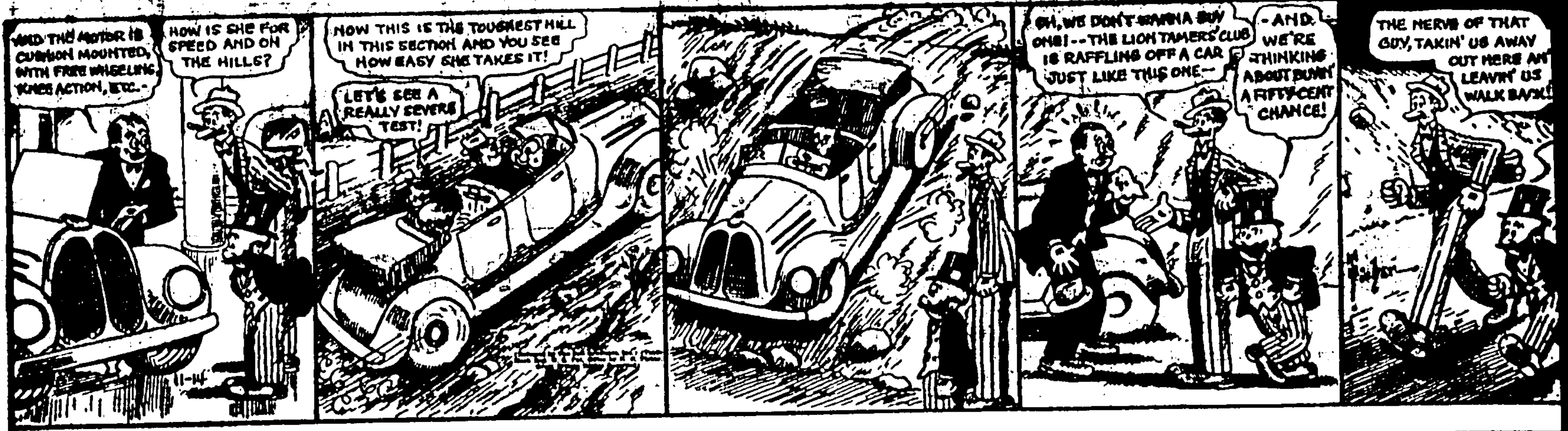
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East, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 10 9 8 7 6
♥ 9 2
♦ J 10 9 8 7 2
♣ —

♠ —
♥ AKQ3
♦ K3
♣ A 10 8 7
6 5 4

♠ K2
♥ J54
♦ AQ654
♣ KJ2

♠ AQJ543
♥ 10 8 7 6
♦ Q98
♣ —

The bidding:
East South West North
1♠ 1♠ 2♠ 5♠
Dbl. Pass Pass Pass

into dummy, led the ten of spades and finessed when East played the deuce. He now led the Jack of diamonds. East covered and Declarer trumped in his own hand. He cashed his Ace of spades, re-entered dummy by trumping another club and played the ten of diamonds. East covered once more, whereupon South trumped again, ruffed a third club and the rest of dummy's diamonds were good.

You were David Bruce Burnstone's partner yesterday. Neither side was vulnerable and you held:

♠ K10
♥ AQJ533
♦ A9
♣ A68

The bidding:
Maler Burnstone Jacoby You
Pass Pass 1♠ (?)

With great defence against diamonds but none against hearts or clubs, North decided on the amazing jump bid to five spades, hoping to keep his opponents from finding their real suit. Sure enough, it worked and South was allowed to play the hand at five spades doubled, whereas six clubs was an absolute laydown for East and West.

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West. Then, to add insult to injury, the hand was mis-defended by West and instead of going down, South actually made his contract!

West opened the King of hearts, continued with the Ace and then made the mistake of shifting to the King of diamonds. Declarer trumped in his own hand, ruffed a club to get

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to double. Score 100% for double, 80% for two hearts (not bad), 40% for two clubs (an overbid), 0 for one heart (inadequate).

QUESTION NO. 290
You are Oswald Jacoby's partner. Your side is vulnerable and you hold:

♠ K 10 8 5
♥ K J 4 3
♦ K 10 7 6
♣ A 5

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Maler
1♠ 1♠ 2♠ (?)
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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Kweilin, To-day.
Fighting has been carried to the neighbourhood of Nanning.

On the Nanning-Wuming highway, the Chinese are nearing Santang, eight miles north of Nanning, while on the Nanning-Pinyang highway they have advanced approximately 12 miles.

Military circles attach importance to the recapture of the strategic pass, Kunlungkwan, gateway to Nanning from the northeast. Extremely heavy casualties were suffered by both sides.

Japanese aircraft subjected the Chinese to terrific bombardment in efforts to halt their advance, without success.

Considerable Japanese military equipment has been captured. A Central News correspondent visiting the front saw captured Japanese machine-guns.

Behind the Japanese lines, the Chinese continue their harassing activities around Yamchow and Fong-shing.—Central News.

SOVIET REQUEST REJECTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.
It is reliably learned that Germany has turned down a Soviet request for sale of four warships which would be used against Finland.—Havas.

SPECIAL LEAVE FOR DEPUTIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Special leaves may be provided for members of the French Parliament called to the colours.

The steering committee of the Chamber of Deputies has decided that besides the usual leaves, mobilised members will be granted special leaves for participating in important parliamentary debates if their units are not actually engaged in military action when the debate takes place.—Havas.

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MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

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The decision was reached by the Presidium of the U.S.S.R. on the occasion of Stalin's 60th birthday.

The Presidium has also decided to award annually a number of prizes and scholarships in the fields of art and science on Stalin's birthday.—Havas.

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Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

Nine "unidentified" planes flew over French territory yesterday morning near Chekan, about half an hour's journey by bus from Kwong Chow Wan.

Bombs were dropped in the neighbourhood of Chekan inside Kwang Chow Wan territory, and several fell on the beach. There were, fortunately, no casualties and very slight damage was done.

The machines are believed to have been Japanese.

French official quarters are reluctant to discuss the incident, but it was learned this morning that the matter "is being taken up with the country to which the planes belonged."

The bombing took place shortly after 10.30 a.m.—Our Own Correspondent.

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

Japanese troops along the Nanning-Pingyang Highway, north-east of Nanning, are retreating on Nanning, according to latest Chinese reports from the interior.

Several Japanese outposts have been cut off from the main army and are isolated in valleys north-east of Nanning.

Severe fighting continued all night and this morning.

Latest Chinese official message reads, "enemy fleeing with our troops in pursuit." — Our Own Correspondent.

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